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Billings—U. S. Dept of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
R. M. Houghton, asst. Regional ln.

Butte—Silver Bow County Law Library
Bridget Weaver, ln.

Conrad—Lewis (H. S.) Library
Joyce Swingdoff, ln.

Crow Agency—Big Horn County Free Library (branch)
Mrs. E. E. Price, ln.

Forsyth—Rosebud County Library
Mrs. Virginia Leffler, asst. ln.

Froid—Froid Public Library
Marilyn Nordman, ln.

Glasgow—Carnegie City-County Library
Mrs. R. L. Ewing, ln.

Great Falls—Central Catholic High School
Sister M. Carmelita Davis, ln.

Great Falls—Great Falls Public Library
Mrs. Elizabeth Sandell, asst. ln.
Mrs. Dorothy A. Chuckovich, asst. ln.
Mrs. Mary E. Hatler, asst. ln.

Helena—Central School Library
Mrs. Victoria O'Malley, ln.

Joliet—Public School Library
Marlene Amundsen, ln.

Missoula—Montana State University Library
Rose E. Korsmo, circ. ln.
Charles D. Hickey, order ln.
Mrs. Phoebe Johnson, asst. circ. ln.
Mrs. Lou Ann Weimer, doc. & ser. asst.

Ollie—Ollie Public Library
Mrs. Pat Plummer, ln.

Park City—Smeltzer Memorial Library
Mrs. S. T. Flood, ln.

Polytechnic—Rocky Mountain College Library
Warren A. Lussky, ln.

Reed Point—Soldiers' Memorial Library
Mrs. Fred B. Swift, ln.

Wolf Point—Roosevelt County Library
Mrs. Marilyn Miller Mack, ln.

AROUND THE STATE

Mrs. Hazel R. Christiansen was seriously injured in an automobile accident early in June. She spent several weeks in hospitals in Billings and Hardin. She is still on crutches.

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Miss Charlotte Russel, librarian of the M.S.U. Law Library, injured her knee in a fall in September. Complications necessitated hospitalization for several weeks. She has now returned to her duties.

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Miss Marjorie Beal, formerly Director of the North Carolina Library Commission and now making her home in Havre, is working on a survey of libraries in Minnesota.

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Flathead County Free Library opened a Library Station at Bigfork in September.

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Work on the new building for the Choteau Public Library has been postponed indefinitely because of the Korean situation.

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The State Library Extension Commission has moved its headquarters to Room 114 in the library building at Montana State University. The new quarters are much more spacious than the top floor aerie previously occupied by the Commission. New shelving, built by Remington Rand, Inc., has been installed. Delay in publication of this issue of **Montana Libraries** is due to the general upheaval of moving.

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CHILDCRAFT

A set of CHILDCRAFT has been sent to the S.L.E.C. office on a temporary library loan for three months. The loan plan allows the use of the set of books without charge. CHILDCRAFT is published by Field Enterprises, Inc., Chicago.

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TRAVELING EXHIBIT OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

For several years the Children's Library Association of the A.L.A. has sponsored a project in cooperation with publishers and state library associations to make review copies of children's books available for examination and exhibit throughout the state. This project is the responsibility of the Book Production Committee.

Since publishers are reluctant to send out review copies that do not serve a purpose, each of the cooperating state organizations agrees to insure the most extensive use of these books within the state. In most states the books are sent to various community groups, public libraries or schools which otherwise would not have a chance to examine the current children's books. It is customary for each group to pay shipping charges to the next point.

The State Library Extension Commission has undertaken to sponsor the project in Montana. The exhibit which has been assembled consists of 93 books from fifteen publishers. The initial showing of the collection was made at the M.E.A. district convention in Missoula, October 26-27. The Missoula Public Library is now exhibiting the books.

Any libraries or organizations wishing to use the exhibit may apply to the S.L.E.C. office. The books will be sent by mail in fibre wood boxes which are easy to pack. Mimeographed lists of the books included in the collection will be supplied. A placard identifying the exhibit and cut-outs of Winnie-the-Pooh characters will accompany it. Publicity for the exhibit should be arranged while it is in the community in order that a maximum number of interested persons may have an opportunity to see it.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS 1949-1950

The annual list of children's books compiled for the Joint Committee of the N.E.A.-A.L.A. will be published in the November issue of the N.E.A. JOURNAL. The list has been prepared this year under the chairmanship of Margaret Martignoni of the Brooklyn Public Library. Lists in quantity bearing your library imprint may be purchased from Sturgis Printing Company, Sturgis, Michigan, at $3.75 per hundred.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

The 33rd annual celebration of Children's Book Week will be observed November 12-18. William Pene Du Bois has designed the poster illustrating the Book Week slogan, "Make friends with books."

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BOOK REVIEW DIGEST

A complete file of BOOK REVIEW DIGEST from August 1949-June 1950 is available at the S.L.E.C. office. It will be sent to the first library requesting it.

S.L.E.C. MEETING

The State Library Extension Commission met in Helena on October 14 to consider the budget for the 1951-1953 biennium. The budget adopted totals $57,039.60. It provides for the addition to the staff of a professionally trained field worker whose duties will include work with various local and statewide groups, trustee groups, publicity, district library meetings and workshops. In order to make extensive field work possible, the budget provides for a larger travel fund and for the purchase of a car.

Librarians of the state are asked to rally behind this budget request. As soon as possible after election the legislators should be informed concerning the work of the Commission and their support for the increased budget should be solicited.

The Commission proposes to hold a special meeting in Helena in December, to which influential lay people, including legislators, will be invited. The need for improved library service in Montana will be emphasized, and Commission plans for developing such service through its expanded program will be explained. Your help in preparing the invitation list will be appreciated. Send names to the S.L.E.C. office as soon as possible.

Another Commission project is the compilation of a Speakers Roster of lay people who are popular as public speakers. Often when asked to speak they are permitted to choose their own topics. The S.L.E.C. proposes to ask them to talk about libraries and to supply them with the necessary information and background material. If you can suggest speakers who are interested in libraries and would be willing to talk about library problems and development, submit their names to the S.L.E.C. office.

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BOOKS OF INTEREST TO MONTANANS

Wandersong, by Eleanor Banks. The growth of a vast industry is witnessed in this life of Henry MacDonald, pioneer wool grower of Montana. Publication date, Nov. 10, 1950. Caxton. $4.00.

Back trailing on open range, by Luke D. Sweetman, presents a lively narrative of the author's experiences on Montana's open range from 1885 to 1900. Publication date, Feb. 10, 1951. Caxton. $3.50.

Majestic land, by Eric Thane, is a book about the region embracing the Continental Divide from Grand Teton National

Park to Jasper National Park—Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Alberta, the Kootenay country of British Columbia, the Inland Empire of Washington. Bobbs-Merrill. $4.00.

Small town renaissance, by Richard Waverly Poston, is a story of the Montana Study. Harper. $3.00.

North to the unknown, by Hubert Evans, is an account of the achievements and adventures of David Thompson, early western explorer. This teen-age biography will interest adults as well. Dodd, Mead. $2.75.

Big sky, by Alfred Bertram Guthrie; an edition for younger readers; illustrated by Jacob Landau. Sloane. $2.75.

Our neighborhood, newsy and nosey, published by the Get-To-Gether Club in Powell County, is a collection of stories, sketches and poetry contributed by club members and others in the community. It may be ordered from Mrs. Mildred Dana, Deer Lodge. Paper-bound. $2.00.

Story of the Tobacco Plains Country, published by the Pioneers of the Tobacco Plains Country. When the Pioneers organized in 1937 they decided to print a small pamphlet on the history of the valley. As material piled up and interest grew it became apparent that a more ambitious book was demanded. Although the manuscript now promised to be of interest to the general public, the Pioneers made no attempt to interest a regular publisher. Acting as its own publisher, it arranged for Caxton Printers, Ltd., of Caldwell, Idaho, to print and bind the book. Orders may be placed with Mrs. Albina Johnson, Eureka. Cloth binding. $3.65.

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A.L.A. NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Postal Rate Increase. Postmaster General Donaldson appealed to the Interstate Commerce Commission on October 16 for permission to increase rates on fourth class mail. Mr. Donaldson's action was required by the supplemental appropriations bill passed by Congress demanding certification that he had invoked a 1925 law authorizing postal rate increases with I.C.C. approval before he could use supplemental funds appropriated for the Department. The hearing will be held November 14, 1950. A.L.A. will testify.

No change was proposed in the present rate for library books in view of the long established policy to accord a special rate for library books.

However libraries will be affected should I.C.C. grant the substantial increase. The book rate will be increased from the

present 8c to 10c for the first pound; and from 4c to 5c for each additional pound up to ten pounds regardless of zones. Packages of books weighing more than ten pounds would be charged regular parcel post zone rates, increased from 4c to 9c, depending upon the zone, for the first pound, and from a fraction of a cent to 3c for each additional pound. The weight limitation has been reduced from 70 to 10 pounds, materially affecting parcel post shipments.

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Care Book Bill. S.2496, the Care book bill, was reported out favorably by the House Foreign Affairs Committee just before Congress recessed. Reports from Korea of the complete devastation of schools and libraries emphasize the need to use every available rehabilitating agency. To refresh your memory, S.2496 permits the funds earned by the conscientious objectors of World War II to be used to buy scientific books for war-torn foreign libraries. While your Congressman is at home talk to him of your interest before the bill comes up for House action in December.

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A.L.A.

The American Library Association held its 1950 conference in Cleveland, July 16-22. Montana was represented by Ann Whitmack of Billings and Lonita Kurtz of Kalispell.

Officers for 1950-51 are:

President—Clarence R. Graham, Louisville, Ky.

First Vice President—Mrs. Loleta Dawson Fyan, Lansing, Mich.

Second Vice President—Harriet Dorothea MacPherson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer—R. Russell Munn, Akron, Ohio.

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Joseph W. Lippincott Award. In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of librarianship, H. W. Wilson, president of the H. W. Wilson Company, received the 1950 Joseph W. Lippincott Award. The award, consisting of $500 and a special certificate, was presented to Mr. Wilson at the First General Session at Cleveland on July 17, by J. W. Lippincott, president of the J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia.

Resolution on Loyalty Programs, adopted by the A.L.A. Council on July 21, 1950.

Whereas, A democracy must preserve freedom of thought and expression if it is to survive; and

Whereas, Loyalty investigations of library employees may create an atmosphere of suspicion and fear and tend to limit intellectual freedom by rendering it hazardous to hold or express other than popular or orthodox views; and

Whereas, Librarians have a special responsibility to provide information on all sides of controversial issues, but cannot do so if intellectual conformity becomes a factor affecting their employment or tenure; and

Whereas, The American Library Association has received evidence that loyalty tests may easily lead to the violation of the constitutional rights of library employees, and in some cases already have done so; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Council of the American Library Association, strongly protest loyalty programs which inquire into a library employee's thoughts, reading matter, associates, or membership in organizations, unless a particular person's definite actions warrant such investigation. We approve the affirmation of allegiance to our Government. We condemn loyalty oaths and investigations which permit the discharge of an individual without a fair hearing. We hold that in a fair hearing the accused is furnished a statement of the charges against him, is allowed to see the evidence against him, is given an opportunity to prepare and to present his defense and to question his accusers with the aid of legal counsel, is presumed innocent until proved guilty, and is given the opportunity, if adjudged guilty, of judicial review.

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P.N.L.A.

"Library Service for the Pacific Northwest—a Master Plan" was the theme of the Fortieth Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, held in Portland August 30-September 1. Montana's representatives at the conference were: Evelyn Swant, Kathleen Campbell and Ellen Torgrimson, Missoula; Margaret Fulmer, Mrs. Alma Jacobs and Mrs. Martha Peterson, Great Falls;; Mary Lee Hall, Hamilton; Virginia Walton, Columbus; Lesley M. Heathcote, Doris E. Wilson and Marjorie E. Vivian, Bozeman; Mr. and Mrs. Merwin M. Moores and H. Marjorie Beal, Havre; Mrs. Anne McDonnell, Helena.

Virginia Walton was chairman of the Children-School Division and arranged programs for two division meetings which featured a Kid Critics simulated broadcast, a Meet the Authors program, and a Round-table discussion on problems of work with children led by Mildred Batchelder from A.L.A. headquarters.

Margaret Fulmer participated in a Panel Discussion on "A System of Libraries for the Pacific Northwest."

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REPORT ON THE P.N.L.A. LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Pacific Northwest Library Association on August 30, 1950, in Portland officially adopted a comprehensive program of library development for Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Idaho and Montana. This program is published in the July 1950 issue of the P.N.L.A. Quarterly.

Total library development for all types of libraries within the area is contained in the plan. This goes beyond the idea of just rural library extension. The Pacific Northwest Library Association believes this is a sounder approach which will seek to utilize and expand all existing library resources to the best possible quality of service for all the people in the area.

Instead of one big survey the project starts with a general plan, a frame work to be filled in with facts and accumulating experience. The assumptions are: that good library service is desirable and essential for all the people in the Pacific Northwest, not just for those living in a few favored places where library services are available; that adequate library service is within financial possibility; that the best means of obtaining good service for all is through regional library systems with broad bases of support and wide ranges of materials which can only be possible with adequate support. Three methods are suggested for bringing about these library systems. Financial support, library education and certification, library service to children and young people, adult education and research and bibliographic services are also contained in the plan.

Two meetings of the committee have been held. The first was in Olympia, Wash., May 22-26, with Dr. Robert D. Leigh of the Public Library Inquiry as consultant, to put the plan on paper. The second was in Seattle, October 20 and 21, to set the plan in motion with a request to a foundation for a grant of funds to make possible the research necessary for the parts of the project which cannot be carried on by the librarians of this area; to ask Dr. Leigh to head up the investigation as direc-

tor starting with a short workshop at the University of Washington in the summer of 1951 for the purpose of training representatives from the four states and the province to carry forward in each part of the area and working again with Dr. Leigh after the investigation is completed.

There is no claim that the plan is perfect; expansion, revision, improvement will come out of experience with it. Most of all the understanding and participation of all the librarians in the Pacific Northwest is needed, especially Montana librarians. Washington and Oregon, stronger library states, are taking the lead. Montana and Idaho, weaker library states, must lean on the stronger.

As Montana's representative on the Pacific Northwest Library Association Library Development Committee may I recommend the appointment of a strong library planning committee for the state to work with the Pacific Northwest Library Development Committee and also that the Pacific Northwest Library Association plan be considered fully and carefully at the Montana State Library Association meeting in May 1951.

Signed: Margaret Fulmer.

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P.N.L.A. OFFICERS, 1950-1951

President—Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, Olympia, Wash.

Vice President—Lesley M. Heathcote, Bozeman, Mont.

Second Vice President—Muriel Laing, Victoria, B. C.

Secretary—Ruby Egbert, Olympia, Wash.

Treasurer—Katherine Hughes, Corvallis, Ore.

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AROUND THE STATE

Dr. Maurice F. Tauber, Professor in the School of Library Service of Columbia University, and Dr. Eugene H. Wilson, Director of Libraries of the University of Colorado, were on the campus of Montana State University for ten days in January in connection with the survey which they are making of the University Library. The report of their findings will be published sometime in the spring.

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Miss Lillian E. Cook, formerly head of the North Dakota Library Commission, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Library as acting librarian of the Great Falls Public Library from January first to the middle of June during the leave of absence of Miss Margaret Fulmer.

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Miss Fulmer will do graduate work in library science at the University of Denver which will include working experience in the Denver Public Library, the libraries of the University of Denver and the Rocky Mountain Bibliographic Center. Miss Fulmer, a graduate of the Library School at the University of Wisconsin, has been head of the Great Falls Public Library the past five years.

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Miss Alice L. James, Arlington, Virginia, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Library as professional assistant on the library staff. Miss James, has a B. A. degree from Macalester College, St. Paul, and is a graduate of the Division of Library Instruction, University of Minnesota.

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Miss H. Marjorie Beal has been appointed librarian of the Havre Public Library and assumed the position January 15. Before her retirement in June, Miss Beal was Director of the North Carolina Library Commission. She recently spent three months in Minnesota making a survey of library services in that state.

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Miss Zada Bridges resigned her position as librarian of the Havre Public Library and has moved to Helena.

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Mrs. Bergetta J. Curtis and Mrs. Bernice D. Beall have joined the State Library Extension Commission staff replacing Mrs.

June C. Getchell and Bonnie Hamman. Mrs. Curtis is in charge of circulation and Mrs. Beall is office assistant.

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Bonnie Hamman was married to Davis Hintzman on November 24, and is now making her home in Spokane.

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Mrs. L. E. Dunkel has been appointed librarian of the Meagher County Library at White Sulphur Springs.

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The Traveling Exhibit of Children's Books has been displayed at the Missoula Public Library, the Western Montana College of Education at Dillon, and Hill County Library at Havre.

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Bookmobile service to schools was inaugurated by the Parmly Billings Memorial Library in November. The vehicle, custom-built by the Gerstenslager Company of Wooster, Ohio, has a capacity of 1800 books and is equipped with fluorescent lighting, heating units, adjustable shelving, a librarian's desk, and filing cabinet.

Mrs. Rene Sala and Mrs. Rodney Houghton of the Billings library staff man the bookmobile.

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The work of renovating and remodeling the children's department has begun at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library. The project will be completed during the 1951-1952 fiscal year.

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Miss Virginia Walton has accepted a position as head of the Cass County Library in Harrisonville, Missouri. Mrs. Helen Prichard is acting librarian in the Stillwater County Library at Columbus.

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Montana was represented at the A. L. A. Midwinter meeting by Miss Ann Whitmack, M. S. L. A. President, and Miss Kathleen Campbell, member of the A. L. A. Council.

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NECROLOGY

Mrs. Dora Lee Harris died in a hospital at Townsend on December 30, 1950, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Harris was librarian of the Meagher County Library at White Sulphur Springs for many years. She is survived by three daughters and three sons.

Miss Josephine Trigg, children's librarian on the staff of the Great Falls Public Library from 1911-1945, died on January 1, 1951. Miss Trigg was prominent in the educational and cultural life of Great Falls for more than fifty years. In 1941, she was honored by the Business and Professional Women for her services and accomplishments. She was a close friend of the late Charles M. Russell, internationally-known artist, and had one of the finest collections of Russell paintings and art objects in Montana.

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A. L. A. ANNIVERSARY

With the theme: The Heritage of the U. S. A. in Times of Crisis, libraries throughout America will participate all during 1951 in observance of the 75th anniversary of the American Library Association.

One of the highlights of the A. L. A. Midwinter Meeting in Chicago (January 30-February 3) was an interpretation and discussion of the theme by the 75th Anniversary Committee, headed by Ralph E. Ellsworth, who is director of libraries at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City; John Mackenzie Cory, A. L. A. Executive Secretary; and other library leaders who are directing the endeavor.

The anniversary theme and the activities which implement it were designed to make a contribution to American citizens, rather than to provide a way of looking into the past and recalling the achievements of the association, according to Mr. Ellsworth. "At this important time, it seems to us that the thing we are best able to do is to help people do their own thinking on the half dozen of the very most critical problems facing all of us," Mr. Ellsworth said, adding: "To achieve this end—to make this contribution—we will devote our anniversary year to restating the American Heritage in terms of present day crises; to fostering a recognition of this heritage as ideas in action rather than as dogma. Our objective is to stimulate general thinking on the problem of how to defend our freedom by understanding its origin and its application to the great problems of today."

The A. L. A. will assist in creating two books. The first will state, define and show "in a reasonable, honest and objective manner, just what our heritage of experience and ideas contributes to a citizen's understanding of these problems." This book will be written by Gerald W. Johnson, noted newspaperman and author of "Our English Heritage," "Incredible Tale" and many other books. Harper & Brothers has agreed to pub-

lish the book and to join the A. L. A. in its distribution here and abroad.

The second book is to be an intensive source book of evidence on the topics covered by the Johnson book, presented in such a manner that it may be used as a study guide by groups or individuals who will be encouraged to hold discussion sessions on the subject matter.

The committee also announced a contest with $1,000 in prizes. There are $800 in awards for the best statements (under 2,000 words) which illustrate the power of books to influence the lives of men and women; and an additional $200 in prizes for the best statement from librarians concerning the problems that are worrying the citizens whom they encounter in their library work. (Full details of the contest may be obtained at A. L. A. Headquarters in Chicago.)

Climax of the 75th anniversary observance will come at the A. L. A. Conference in Chicago, July 8-14, when four major general sessions will be devoted to the theme. America's best informed persons on each of the problems covered in the Johnson book will be speakers at the sessions.

It was announced that the books, the contest, engagement of conference speakers and the necessary promotion of the anniversary activities are made possible in large measure by the financial contribution of $10,000 received from Gardner M. Cowles, president of Cowles Publications, Inc., and editor of LOOK MAGAZINE.

All librarians and friends of libraries were called upon to participate in the anniversary activities, which, according to Mr. Ellsworth, are based on the realization that "as librarians we are competent in acting through the book and the idea. So it is that the 75th anniversary of the American Library Association provides the idea, the implements and the program for an important service to those who our libraries serve in all their years—the reading public."

A. L. A. NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

The Library in Civilian Defense

The increasingly ominous war news is accelerating action in all agencies of government. Libraries must be alert to their responsibilities in quickly reestablishing and improving the services rendered in the last war and in investigating new functions they can perform. We must be thinking how we can distribute materials on rationing, retraining for war jobs, and

knowledge to meet disasters, because for the first time our civilian population is threatened with attack.

Hearings are now being held on Civil Defense Bills S. 4219 and H. R. 9840 which are to be rewritten in the light of testimony presented by state and local officials as well as other interested individuals. There is no doubt that an independent Civil Defense Agency will be quickly established that will mobilize voluntary civilian participation according to a plan where federal, state, and local responsibilities are clearly defined.

The American Library Association presented testimony before both Senate and House Committees on the role of the library as an information center, as a research agency, and a morale builder.

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White House Conference for Children and Youth

The White House Conference for Children and Youth was held at the Armory, Washington, D. C., December 3-7. An important part of the Conference was the consideration given to what should be done for Children and Youth in the next ten years. The plans can only be carried out in each state. Delegates went home inspired to transmit the ideas gained to their localities and to carry out the recommendations of the Conference. The librarians who attended returned with the determination to make library materials available to state and local committees. It is not too late to get in touch with the state and local youth committees and to help them with library materials, book exhibits, and book selection.

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Postal Hearings

Hearings on increased fourth class mail rates before the Interstate Commerce Commission began December 5, and continued for two days. Then the hearings were adjourned to be continued after January 3. Thus far only those in favor of the increase have testified, but the opposition will have its opportunity, at which time A. L. A. will testify.

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Library of Congress Honored

The American Library Association, under the Chairmanship of Milton E. Lord, Boston, sponsored a dinner in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Library of Congress. One hundred fifty representatives of 97 libraries and learned societies were present at the Mayflower Hotel on December 12, 1950, to do honor to what Mr. Lord called the "summit of the American

library system." Other speakers were Dr. Robert Downs, Director of the University of Illinois Library; Dr. Charles E. Odegaarde, Executive Director of the American Council of Learned Societies; Representative Carl Albert of Oklahoma, member of the Joint Committee on the Library; Dr. Luther Evans, Librarian of Congress; and Dr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian Emeritus.

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TV Hearings

Both President Graham and Mr. Cory testified before the Federal Communications Commission in support of the reservation of certain TV channels for educational purposes.

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ANNOUNCING

Story-A-Day is the new WEEKLY children's publication designed so that each day of the week parents will have an original GOOD story to SHARE in reading with their 3 to 7 year old children. Each weekly issue will contain seven original stories by the country's outstanding authors, illustrated by today's greatest artists. **Story-A-Day** will be 8½ inches by 11 inches, will contain 32 pages and cover. The cover picture will be in 4 colors and the inside story illustrations will be in two colors. 52 issue subscriptions will retail at $10.00. 364 good original stories. First issue Friday, April 6.

The National Society for Crippled Children holds subscription rights to **Story-A-Day.** They are raising funds through **Story-A-Day** subscriptions to build a National Hospital and Training Center for Crippled Children. Librarians, please forward the names and addresses of ALL Club Presidents in your community to Public Relations, National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. They can help in this great humane effort.

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Your Ticket to Popularity—Good Manners

A new pamphlet developed for teen agers by the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. and the Boy Scouts of America is available locally throughout the country from either the Girl Scouts or the Boy Scouts at 10¢ per copy.

This pamphlet provides information needed by older Scouts for social behavior in their every day and party living, and provides it in such a way that it will be accepted in good spirit. It is humorously illustrated by a popular artist.

AMERICA AND THE MIND OF EUROPE was the subject of a special issue of the **Saturday Review of Literature** on January 13, 1951.

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M. S. L. A.

Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, treasurer, announces that the M. S. L. A. dues are past due. The fiscal year runs from May 1-April 30.

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There is a demand for foreign languages books for D. P's. in the state. May we have lists of library holdings of such material in order that the resources may be pooled?

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STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR, July 1, 1949-June 30, 1950
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate incomplete information.

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita appr.	Total Volumes	Circulation	Librarian
ANACONDA			.5 Co.					
Hearst Free	1895	16,521	2 City	12,409.19	.75	18,644	25,902	Florence E. Catlin
BAKER								
Public	1943	1,780	0	492.00	.28	6,715	3,651	Mrs. J. A. Berge
BIG TIMBER								
Carnegie		1,677	3	2,547.56	1.52			Mrs. Sarah Fallang
BILLINGS								
Parmly Billings Mem.	1901	31,724	2.5	44,039.53	1.39	48,697	165,563	Ann L. Whitmack
BOZEMAN								
Public	1885	11,252	3	17,491.33	1.55	18,101	29,672	Margaret Hileman
BRIDGER								
Community	1912	853	0	383.00	.46	3,500	1,733	Mrs. H. H. Harrison
BUTTE								
Public	1890	80,780	.4 Co. 1.25 City	33,950.00	.42		128,286	Lula M. Eschle
CHESTER								
Liberty County	1947	2,162	.5	1,904.34	.89	2,596	4,823	Mrs. Lilly Eveland
CHINOOK								
Blaine County	1921	8,473	.62	4,312.55	.51			Mrs. C. E. O'Brien
CHOTEAU								
Public	1916	1,617	0	562.99	.35	5,207	2,331	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts

CIRCLE								
Geo. McCone Mem.	1929	3,246	1.5	6,470.64	1.99	7,723	9,468	Mrs. Barbara S. Jensen
COLUMBUS								
Stillwater County ..	1928	5,345	1.11	6,251.41	1.17	10,549	37,041	Virginia Walton
CULBERTSON								
Public	1930	850	1	228.69	.27	1,900	1,150	Mrs. Kathryn Garbe
CUT BANK								
Glacier County	1944	9,034	1.62	19,055.00	2.11	12,574	56,384	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
DEER LODGE								
Wm. K. Kohrs Mem.	1903	3,715	3	3,293.55	.89	10,120	13,203	Mrs. Marion MacCalman
DILLON								
Public	1896	3,014	3	3,157.56	1.05	16,413	12,660	Mary L. Innes
FAIRVIEW								
High School		1,200	0	500.00	.42	2,466	3,500	Mrs. C. S. Johnson
FORSYTH								
Rosebud County ..	1920	6,890	.5	3,763.35	.55	9,334	9,153	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON								
Chouteau County..	1915	8,416	1	10,580.81	1.26	21,009	19,181	Mildred England
FROMBERG								
Public	1912	1,500	0	110.00	.07			Mrs. Alice Lowmiller
GLASGOW			.5 Co.					
Carnegie City-Co...	1906	11,320	2.6 City	7,800.00	.69	16,790	13,680	Mrs. R. L. Ewing
GLENDIVE								
Public	1915	5,235	1.71	4,180.17	.80	8,238	19,609	Mrs. Leon Combs
GREAT FALLS								
Public	1892	39,001	3.5	58,600.00	1.50	56,649	276,271	Margaret Fulmer
Cascade County....	1943							Mrs. Amy A. Patterson

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR, July 1, 1949-June 30, 1950 FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA—(Continued)

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Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita appr.	Total Volumes	Circulation	Librarian
HARDIN								
Big Horn County....	1918	9,799	1	10,438.15	1.07	17,722	54,722	Mrs. Hazel Christiansen
HARLOWTON								
Public	1921	1,800				6,178	8,956	Georgia R. James
HAVRE								
Public	1904	8,094	1.25	5,475.00	.68	13,397	19,014	Zada Bridges
Hill County	1948	6,187	.6	4,850.00	.78	4,052	19,693	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores
HELENA								
Public	1886	17,498	1.5	14,386.29	.82	78,790	60,290	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
JORDAN								
Garfield County	1948	2,154	.5	1,941.82	.90	1,349	3,020	Mrs. Doris M. Mart
KALISPELL								
Carnegie Public	1903	9,694	3	12,599.88	1.30	20,521	63,254	Jeane Lewis
Flathead County ..	1943	19,116	.884	9,030.00	.47	14,409	69,059	Mrs. Cornelia W. Sherman
LEWISTOWN								
Carnegie	1897	6,540	2.9	8,170.00	1.25	10,252	40,162	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman
LIBBY								
Lincoln County	1920	8,672	1.4	8,395.60	.97	15,074	67,308	Inez Ratekin
LIVINGSTON								
Public		7,667						Mrs. Mary L. McEwen

MALTA								
Phillips County	1918	6,348	0	2,805.48	.44	12,560	12,376	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY								
Carnegie Public	1902	9,148	2.5	11,451.10	1.25	15,338	30,102	Mrs. Clare M. Smith
MISSOULA	1894		2.375 City					
Public & County	1916	35,002	1.24 Co.	41,047.98	1.17	66,615	147,839	Evelyn L. Swant
OLLIE								
Public	1927	100	.88	128.00	1.28			Edna Plummer
PHILIPSBURG								
Public	1912	1,000	0	180.00	.18	2,500	800	Mrs. Bernard LeRoy
PLAINS								
Public	1920	800	3	763.00	.95	3,494		Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD								
Sheridan County	1919	6,623	.065	4,267.00	.64	7,542	15,720	Mrs. Ruth L. Lund
POPLAR								
City	1918	1,400	0	764.94	.55	3,500	2,617	Mrs. Kate L. Hanson
RED LODGE								
Carnegie	1915	2,950	2	2,286.59	.78	7,847	16,014	Mrs. Marian E. Adams
ROUNDUP								
Public	1931	5,392	1.25	1,550.51	.29	5,010	10,095	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY								
Daniels County	1947	3,928	0	1,254.37	.32	2,476		Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY								
Toole County	1947	6,859	1			9,012	32,500	Mrs. W. M. Black
SIDNEY								
Public	1914	2,978	2.5	3,783.84	1.27	6,532	16,730	Mrs. Sarah T. Kittleson
STANFORD								
Public	1946	3,204	.67	3,979.00	1.24	6,216	10,783	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman

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SUPERIOR								
Mineral County	1936	2,062	.57	1,420.25	.69	4,745	4,618	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY								
Public	1944	2,361	.5	1,614.00	.68	3,269	5,704	Mrs. W. J. Ganson
THOMPSON FALLS								
Public	1923	878	2	440.31	.5	4,591	3,476	Mrs. Lester Kemmerer
TOWNSEND								
Broadwater Co.	1935	2,887	.13	1,494.88	.52	4,632	14,564	Mrs. Florence Muzzey
TWIN BRIDGES								
Public	1918	1,000	2	541.58	.54	5,000		Mrs. May Lunger
VIRGINIA CITY								
Thompson-Hickman								
Free Co.	1918	5,906	0	1,552.16	.26	6,703	8,120	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITEFISH								
Public	1925	2,602		2,205.60	.85	7,500	17,901	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WIBAUX								
Public	1914	625		242.68	.39		3,407	Mrs. D. L. Collins
WISDOM								
Public	1934	500	0	111.85	.22	50	486	Mrs. George Cottrell
WOLF POINT								
Roosevelt County..	1950	9,564		4,635.79	.48		12,067	Mrs. Marilyn A. Mack

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

A. P. Collins has accepted the post of librarian at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory of the U. S. Public Health Service in Hamilton. Mr. Collins was transferred from the National Institute of Health at Bethesda, Maryland, to fill the vacancy made when Mary Lee Hall left for Arkansas. Because of her health Miss Hall was forced to seek a change of climate.

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Kenneth Ross Toole of Missoula has been appointed librarian and executive officer of the Historical Society of Montana. Mrs. Lucinda B. Scott will remain as librarian until Mr. Toole takes over in late May. Mrs. Scott recently resigned and plans to retire.

Mr. Toole comes from Montana pioneer stock. One of his great-grandfathers, the famed "Baron" O'Keeffe, was a member of the first territorial legislature. His grandfathers were John R. Toole and Kenneth Ross, both figures in early Montana history. His father, J. Howard Toole, died in 1946. He is a graduate of Missoula County High School and Montana State University, holds a master's degree in history from the University, and is completing work for a doctor's degree at the University of California at Los Angeles.

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Mr. Warren A. Lussky is librarian of Rocky Mountain College in Billings. He comes to the position from California, where he was librarian of the Hopkins Transportation Library, Stanford University. Mr. Lussky has a B. A. degree from the University of Colorado and an M. A. from the University of Denver School of Librarianship.

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Mrs. Margaret H. Smith has been appointed librarian of the Roosevelt County Library, Wolf Point, following the resignation of Mrs. Marilyn Miller Mack.

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Mrs. Florence Moe has replaced Mrs. Bernice Beall on the staff of the State Library Extension Commission. Mrs. Moe is a graduate of Luther College in Iowa.

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Mrs. C. H. Stamm is Assistant Librarian on the staff of the Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown.

Miss Joanne Greenspun, student at the University of Washington School of Librarianship, selected the Great Falls Public Library as the library in which to do her four-week period of field work, a requirement for a degree in library science. Miss Greenspun arrived in Great Falls March 2.

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Mrs. Hazel R. Christiansen has resigned her position as librarian of the Big Horn County Free Library at Hardin. The Christiansens have purchased a tourist cabin unit at Arlee and are moving April 1.

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The Sidney Public Library has opened a record-lending division. The project was sponsored by the Sidney Music Club which presented a basic selection of recordings to the library. Other music lovers have made contributions to the growing collection.

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Billings Memorial Library recovered eighteen record albums and four books on musical subjects when a young music lover was arrested recently. The young man, whose record collection is valued at approximately $9,000, admitted stealing most of his collection. He was arrested when caught walking from a store with five long-playing records.

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After being closed several months while an addition to the building was being constructed, the Laurel Public Library was opened for public inspection and dedication services on November 17. The addition was made possible by a bequest from the late Miss Ruth Nutting. Two bronze plaques have been placed in the library, one commemorating Miss Nutting's generosity, the other marking the many years of service rendered by Mrs. Carrie Erb, retired librarian.

The original library was opened July 2, 1917, after funds were raised through public subscription to purchase the office building of Dr. C. A. Marcus. This building forms the southwest corner of the enlarged library. The first addition was constructed in 1937 and forms the front facade of the present building. The new addition is at the back and extends nearly the full length of the building.

Mrs. Carrie Erb was the first librarian and held the post continuously, with the exception of eight months, until her retirement in 1950. Miss Frances Fenton took over the duties of librarian when the library reopened.

The first issue of THE MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY was published in January. The Historical Society of Montana is publishing the quarterly under the editorship of Albert J. Partoll, a member of the Board of Trustees. Payment of the annual membership fee of $3.00 to the Historical Society entitles one to receive the quarterly publication.

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The State Extension Service at Bozeman has issued a revised list of available publications. The circular is to provide farmers, ranchers and homemakers with a ready reference to bulletins, circulars and other publications of the extension service.

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"Books as a tool for living" will be the theme of the 38th annual meeting of the State Library Association in Bozeman, May 6-8. The Executive Board will meet at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday at the Baxter Hotel, and Association members will have an opportunity to register from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Speakers scheduled to appear on the program during the two-day session include Dr. G. Robert Carlsen of Colorado, Dean Stallings of North Dakota, Dr. Charles C. Bradley and Dr. R. R. Renne of Montana State College, and Mollie Hollreigh, director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center.

Mrs. Alma Jacobs, assisted by Inez Ratekin, Catherine White and Inez Haskins, will conduct a Book Selection Workshop. Progress reports on Library Development in the Pacific Northwest and in the Great Plains will be given. Revision of the constitution and by-laws is also on the agenda.

The informal banquet on Monday evening will be at the Bozeman Hotel. Other social functions include a luncheon at the Flaming Arrow Ranch near Bozeman and a tea at the college.

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The Montana Conference on Children and Youth was held in Great Falls, April 5-7. Members of the Governor's committee who attended the White House Conference in Washington in December reported their findings. "Healthy Personality" was the theme of the conference. Panel discussion groups covered the following topics: Early Childhood; Preparation for Family Living; Role of the Church; Role of Education; Health Services; Whole Child and His Welfare; Recreation and Leisure Time; Protective Services. Over three hundred people attended the conference.

AWARDS

Young Reader's Choice Award 1950

The Young Reader's Choice Award, selected from books published during 1946 and 1947, goes to McELLIGOTT'S POOL, by Theodore S. Geisel (Random, 1947). This was the overwhelming favorite with children from the 4th through the 8th grades. The five runners-up, in order of popularity with the voters in the Pacific Northwest, are: ROCKET SHIP GALILEO, by Robert A. Heinlein (Scribner, 1947); ON INDIAN TRAILS WITH DANIEL BOONE, by Enid L. Meadowcroft (Crowell, 1947); LITTLE EDDIE, by Carolyn Haywood (Morrow, 1947); TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS, by William P. DuBois (Viking, 1947); JUDY'S JOURNEY, by Lois Lenski (Lippincott, 1947).

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Julia Ellsworth Ford Foundation Award 1950

Chester Bryant of Tucson, Arizona, won the 13th annual Ford Foundation Award of $1250 for the best manuscript of children's literature submitted in the 1950 contest. THE LOST KINGDOM (Messner) is a story of modern India. The author feels a close kinship for the land and people of India and Burma where he lived for five years. He spent all his free time studying jungle life and jungle ways.

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Newbery Award 1950

AMOS FORTUNE, FREE MAN, by Elizabeth Yates (Aladdin), has been chosen the most distinguished children's book published in the United States in 1950. It is the inspiring story of a slave who eventually won recognition as a free man and as a respected citizen of his community. Runners-up were: BETTER KNOWN AS JOHNNY APPLESEED, by Mabel Leigh Hunt (Lippincott); GANDHI, FIGHTER WITHOUT A SWORD, by Jeanette Eaton (Morrow); ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE, by Clara Ingram Judson (Wilcox-Follett); THE STORY OF APPLEBY CAPPLE, by Anne Parrish (Harper).

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Caldecott Award 1950

Katherine Milhous, author and illustrator of THE EGG TREE (Scribner), received the Caldecott medal as artist of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the United States during 1950. A gay story with a Pennsylvania Dutch

background, THE EGG TREE tells of the fun Katy and Carl have hunting colored Easter eggs on their grandmother's farm. Runners-up were: DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT, by Marcia Brown (Scribner); THE TWO REDS, by William Lipkind, illustrated by Nicolas Mordvinoff (Harcourt); IF I RAN THE ZOO, by Theodore Geisel (Random); THE MOST WONDERFUL DOLL IN THE WORLD, by Phyllis McGinley, illustrated by Helen Stone (Lippincott).

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BOOK NOTES

Mildred Walker's novel, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER, with a New England setting, is scheduled for April release by Harcourt.

Norman Fox has a new western novel, TALL MAN RIDING, coming out through Dodd, Mead. This will also be issued in pocket editions.

Dan Cushman's western novel, BADLANDS JUSTICE, was released in February by Macmillan.

RETREAT OF A FRONTIER, by Kathryn Fingado O'Neil (Westernlore Press, $3.00), is a story of homesteading in Nebraska immediately following the Civil War. Mrs. O'Neil, a former resident of Kalispell now living in California, still spends summers at Flathead Lake where she and her husband maintain a summer home. Their two sons are engaged in the lumber business in Kalispell.

NORTHWEST BOOKS, 1st Supplement (Univ. of Neb. Press, 1949) originally selling for $4,00, is now procurable for $2.50. Orders may be placed with Rufus A. Coleman, Montana State University, Missoula.

INVISIBLE MENDING (Culver Products Co. $1.00) reveals the intricate but relatively easy art of reweaving materials. Chapters are devoted to French weaving, material splicing, patch weaving, stoating and hosiery repair, and the mending of knitted goods. Each chapter is profusely illustrated with simple line drawings for the reader to follow.

GEM HUNTER'S GUIDE, by Russell P. McFall (Science & Mechanics, $3.00), brings together up-to-date, verified information about gem locations in the United States, how to hunt for gems and recognize the associated rock formations in which they occur, and how to identify gems.

LONGAN'S PARLIAMENTARY RULES, Book II (Allan publications, $1.50) is a textbook on rules of order. Dr. Longan states as the aim of his book, "a practical text, free from be-

wildering intricacies, yet complete and in harmony with the best authorities."

Conservation Bulletin, No. 22, FISHES OF GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, by Leonard F. Schultz, may be purchased for 10 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.

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SONGS OF THE CHIPPEWA INDIANS. Ancient songs which the last of the Chippewa warriors and other tribal leaders recorded nearly half a century ago in return for the promise that their voices would "be preserved in Washington, in a building that would not burn down," have just been issued by the Library of Congress on phonograph records.

The album containing these records is the first of several projected releases devoted to the traditional music of the North American Indians, which the Library plans to include in its series of published recordings of folk music selected from the Archive of American Folk Song.

Besides being available in the usual album of five records playing at a speed of 78 r.p.m., the new release has also been produced on a single long-playing record. SONGS OF THE CHIPPEWA may be ordered directly from the Recording Laboratory, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C., at a cost of $8.25 for the album of five records or $4.50 for the long-playing record.

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WORKSHOP FOR EXTENSION LIBRARIANS,

June 18-July 6, 1951

The University of Washington School of Librarianship announces a Workshop for Extension Librarians, sponsored by the Library Development Committee of the P.N.L.A., the Washington State Library and the School of Librarianship.

The purpose of the workshop is to afford an opportunity for librarians concerned with the extension and improvement of library services to work together on their own problems under the guidance of experienced leaders. Dr. Robert D. Leigh, Chairman and Director of the Public Library Inquiry, will lead the workshop during the first week of the session. Mrs. Carma R. Zimmerman, State Librarian, will have charge of planning. Speakers from the field will report on regional library developments.

Accommodations will be available in dormitories on the campus. A $20.00 fee will be charged for the three weeks.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Southern California announces four University Library Science scholarships for the academic year, 1951-52. Each scholarship covers full tuition for the professional program in Library Science.

Application blanks and further information can be secured from the Assistant Director, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 7.

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MOUNTAIN-PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A Regional Library Planning Committee of the Mountain-Plains Library Association is being established to work with the Northern Great Plains Library Planning Council on library planning for the Missouri River Basin. Mr. Orwin Rush (Univ. of Wyo.) has accepted the chairmanship of the Committee, which will consist of eight individuals representing the following states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana and Colorado. Montana is being invited to have a representative because it is within the River Valley and because Margaret Fulmer is Chairman of the Northern Great Plains committee, even though this state is not within the region of the Mountain-Plains Library Association as it is presently constituted.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

John Mackenzie Cory, Executive Secretary, submitted his resignation to the A.L.A. Council at the Midwinter meeting in Chicago. Mr. Cory's resignation becomes effective in September.

Nominations for the position will be made by a subcommittee of the Executive Board at a special spring meeting.

1951 Annual Conference, July 8-14, Chicago, Illinois.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

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AROUND THE STATE

Lois Taylor is acting librarian in the Big Horn County Library at Hardin.

Doris Taylor has been appointed librarian of the Custer County High School, succeeding Margaret Snell.

Margaret Fulmer returned to her duties as librarian of the Great Falls Public Library on June 15. She spent her six months' leave of absence studying at the University of Colorado and Denver University.

Miss Lillian Cook, former director of the North Dakota Library Commission, is enjoying a vacation trip to Alaska and California. Miss Cook served as acting librarian of the Great Falls Public Library during Miss Fulmer's absence.

Alice M. Ridenour is catalog librarian at Montana State College. Her home is in Plentywood. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and held positions in the Albion College Library and the University of Idaho Library before coming to M.S.C.

Edith Guyor has been appointed circulation librarian at Montana State University. She is a former Miles City resident and took three years of college work at M.S.U., completing her education at the University of Minnesota. She has had experience in teaching and government work. She comes to Missoula from Austin, Minnesota, where she was librarian and Dean of Women at Austin Junior College.

Mrs. Ethel Joscelyn is employed as assistant in the State Library Extension Commission office, replacing Mrs. Florence Moe.

Mrs. Joe Zile has joined the staff of the Glacier County Library, Cut Bank.

Mrs. R. J. Hale has joined the staff of the Missoula Public Library as circulation and reference assistant. Geraldine Adams is now in charge of the County Department, following the resignation of Mrs. Wilhelmina Walter in May.

Mary Lee Hall, formerly librarian at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, gives as her new address, 1120 N. W. Thirteenth Street, Oklahoma City, 6.

May Gillies, former Helena High School librarian, was appointed librarian of the Wyoming State Library on April 1. Miss Gillies reports that Alberta Gould Titus, a new member of her staff, formerly worked in the Livingston Public Library.

Rose Korsmo, head of circulation at Montana State University for the past year, resigned July 1. She is attending the University of Minnesota this summer.

Miss Jane Wilkins began her duties as librarian of the Stillwater County Library, Columbus, on July 1. Miss Wilkins graduated from the State Teachers College, Geneseo, New

York, and has done graduate work at the University of Iowa. She served in the WAVES during the war. Before coming to Columbus she was on the staff of the University of Rochester (N. Y.) Library.

Montana representatives at the A.L.A. conference in Chicago were William A. Easton, Bureau of Reclamation Library, Billings, and Charles D. Hickey, Montana State University Library, Missoula.

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

At its annual meeting in Bozeman, May 7-8, the M.S.L.A. revised its Constitution and By-laws. The major change was in Article III of the By-laws, involving membership fees. The article now reads: "Active and Associate memberships on a sliding scale—salaries under $2400, one dollar; salaries $2400 to $3599, two dollars; salaries $3600 or over, three dollars; Institutional membership, four dollars; Sustaining membership, five dollars; Life membership, twenty dollars."

New officers elected were:

President—Merwin M. Moores, Northern Montana College, Havre
Vice President and President-elect—Mrs. Leon Coombs, Glendive
Secretary—Mrs. Alma Jacobs Great Falls
Treasurer—Inez Haskins, Butte
P.N.L.A. Representative—Margaret Hileman, Bozeman.

Memorable events were the fine talks given by Dr. Charles Bradley of Montana State College on the challenging subject, "Shall We Liquidate Our National Parks?" and by Dr. G. Robert Carlsen of the University of Colorado, whose inspiring talk was entitled "Books Can Change You"; a tour of the new M.S.C. Library; and a trip to Flaming Arrow Ranch for luncheon. The Parmly Billings Memorial Library sent its Bookmobile to be displayed at the conference.

Registration totaled fifty-one. Former Montana librarians in attendance were Mrs. Emlyn Benson of Long Beach, California, Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, Arlee, and Miss Pauline Cook, Bozeman.

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STATE READING COUNCIL

The Montana State Reading Council, a professional organization for the promotion of reading, was organized at a meeting in Helena on March 15-17. In the May issue of the M.E.A. JOURNAL, Richard Henderson, Executive Secretary, stated the

purpose of the council as follows: "As a group they are setting out to try to coordinate reading activities across the state, to call upon professional students of reading for help, to encourage reading clinics and conferences, and in short, to do all within their power to help teachers and the lay public deal more adequately with reading problems."

Membership on the council was decided in terms of state professional and lay organizations. Representation includes all of the state educational organizations—the State P.T.A., the State Department of Public Instruction, the six units of the State University, the M.E.A. Journal, the State School Boards Association, the Montana Conference on Children and Youth, and the State Library Association. Librarians included among the membership are Ann Whitmack and Ellen Torgrimson.

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LIBRARY EXTENSION WORKSHOP

A Workshop for Extension Librarians, under the direction of Dr. Robert D. Leigh and Mrs. Carma R. Zimmerman, was held in Seattle from June 18 to July 6. The Workshop was sponsored jointly by the School of Librarianship at the University of Washington, the Washington State Library, and the Library Development Committee of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. Twenty-three librarians, representing state library agencies, county and municipal libraries, from Washington, Oregon, California, British Columbia and Montana, were enrolled. Jean Todd and Ellen Torgrimson attended.

During the first week, the participants in the Workshop were asked to read extensively from a selected book list and to formulate a problem to work on. Dr. Leigh lectured during the second week, and the third week was devoted to individual reports.

On the final day of the Workshop, Dr. Leigh gave what he called, "Highlights as they appear to me as a person." Some of the points he brought out were: The county is not a good unit for library service, particularly in sparsely settled areas. One should start with an adequate region or on the state level. The state can give direct service to rural areas, equalizing financial aid to the overall population by giving grants of money to the large cities within the region which already are supporting good libraries. The nation as a whole is financially able to support good library service without benefit of state or federal aid. State aid, however, is an effective way to enforce standards of service and certification of personnel. The lack of good personnel is a serious problem in organizing rural library service, but as educational standards advance, the quality of available personnel will improve. Meanwhile, in-service training,

field visits, and conferences will help. Integration of separate city and county libraries within an area into one unit has been achieved with notable success in Washington through conscious adoption of step-by-step action. Professional surveys are usually not worth the high cost.

Jean Todd chose as the subject of her study, "Possibility of a regional service center in Billings under state authority." Ellen Torgrimson's subject was "Possibilities of more adequate library service through regional centers in Montana."

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ROUNDUP OF REGIONAL ARTS

The Northern Rocky Mountain Roundup of Regional Arts, on the campus of Montana State University in Missoula and in other Montana communities, is a unique program aimed at cultural enrichment of life in the Northwest. A joint project of the University and the Rockefeller Foundation, it also is sponsored in part by the Montana Institute of the Arts, statewide citizens' organization which promotes creative activity in the arts, and in part by the Music School Foundation of Montana State University.

The Roundup is designed to provide, through as integrated series of lectures, workshops, seminars, recitals, demonstrations, and professional performances in several fields, the stimulation, expert counsel and leadership training needed by anyone interested in intellectual or artistic achievement.

Visiting lecturers on the staff of the 1951 Roundup, July 16-August 10, include Bernard DeVoto, A. B. Guthrie, Peggy Simpson Curry, Helen Everitt, Elizabeth Marion. The Montana Staff includes Naomi Lane Babson, Grace and Olive Barnett, Mary Brennan Clapp, Robert H. Fletcher, Norman A. Fox, Bert Hansen, Joseph Kinsey Howard, Dorothy M. Johnson, H. G. Merriam, Robert P. Struckman, Dale White, M. Catherine White. The Northwest String Quartet, made up of first-desk performers from the Seattle Symphony orchestra will perform. Eugene Andrie will conduct the Rocky Mountain Symphony during the Orchestra workshop. Thelma Chase will have charge of the Pottery workshop. The Community Theatre workshop will be directed by F. A. Buerki, LeRoy W. Hinze and Orville K. Larson. Ralph Maxhimer will direct the Western Dance Clinic and Festival.

Two historical pageants will be presented. The first, TWO CAPTAINS WEST, is scheduled for performance on July 21-22 at Three Forks; the second, COPPER CAMP TO COPPER CITY, will be presented at Anaconda on August 4-5.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 75th Anniversity Conference of the A.L.A. was held in Chicago, July 8-14. Outstanding speakers at the General Sessions were: John A. Wilson, professor of Egyptology, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago; Dr. Charles H. Malik, Minister of Lebanon in the U. S. and acting representative of Lebanon to the United Nations General Assembly; Dr. Margaret Mead, anthropologist, author, lecturer and associate curator of ethnology, American Museum of Natural History, New York City; and Ralph E. Flanders, U. S. Senator from Vermont.

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David H. Clift will succeed John Mackenzie Cory as Executive Secretary of the A.L.A. Mr. Clift is resigning his present position as Associate Librarian at Yale University to take his new post.

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A.L.A. NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

On May 9, Senator Lister Hill, Alabama, introduced the Library Service Bill (S. 1452) for himself, Senator Aiken of Vermont, and Senator Douglas of Illinois. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

Provisions: 1. State Library agencies may submit plans for use of federal funds for the extension of library service to rural areas. Each state's plans will be designed as it sees fit for maximum use of funds.

2. Funds will be available on a matching basis to each state. Both an initial allotment of $40,000 and the remainder of the allotment on the basis of rural population must be matched on the basis of the state's per capita income.

3. The U. S. Commissioner of Education is authorized to make necessary studies and reports as to values, methods and results of the various plans used for the extension of library services to rural areas and to make them available periodically for those interested in library development.

According to the Office of Education, Montana will be eligible for the initial allotment of $40,000, plus $32,433 on the basis of rural population, or a total amount of $72,433 from federal funds. To secure the total amount Montana must furnish $100,030.

Current appropriations for library extension on the state level may be counted for matching. A state unable to take full advantage of the program immediately may expand its program yearly for the five year period as funds, personnel, etc., become available. The State Agency may match all the

funds itself, or may in its plans indicate that a percentage may come from local sources. Local contributions can be a part of a plan for a regional program or demonstration if limited to a particular area, but if the program is statewide, local sources cannot be counted.

The bill provides that the State Agency shall submit a plan to the Commissioner of Education for the use of the funds. The State Agency, not the Commissioner, determines whether the plan will use the funds to maximum advantage. The Commissioner must make sure the money is spent according to plan and that the State does not cut its own appropriations because of federal funds.

House action on the Postal Rate Bill (H.R. 2982) was tentatively predicted for the second week in July. Librarians are particularly interested in the Murray amendment which freezes the book rate at the present level. They also support the amendment which would eliminate the 10% surcharge on purchase of postal cards in lots of 100 or more by non-profit institutions.

Remember—librarians, trustees, friends of libraries are to write their Congressmen.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The annual conference of the P.N.L.A. will be held in Spokane, August 29-31. Rabbi Albert Plotkin is scheduled to speak at the banquet which will mark the close of the conference. Further consideration of the Library Development Program for the region is on the agenda. Conference headquarters will be the Davenport Hotel.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Unite for Freedom is the general theme of American Education Week, which will be observed November 11-17. Program helps may be obtained from the

National Education Association
1201 Sixtheenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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JUNIOR LIFE ADJUSTMENT BOOKLETS

Meeting the demand for guidance materials that pupils in grades 6-9 can read for themselves, Science Research Associates announce a new series of Junior Life Adjustment Booklets, starting September 1. They will deal with problems that

many children face, such as, getting along with brothers and sisters, improving health, becoming a better student, making friends, making use of leisure time, and looking ahead to high school. The booklets are written by leading psychologists, psychiatrists, educators, physicians, and child-guidance experts in a simple, easy-to-read style. HOW YOU GROW, by Bernice L. Neugarten, Assistant Professor, Committee on Human Development, University of Chicago, is the first.

Further details on these Junior Life Adjustment Booklets are available from the Information Department

Science Research Associates
57 W. Grand Avenue
Chicago 10, Ill.

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MOUNTAIN-PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

During her leave of absence, Margaret Fulmer made a study of the Mountain-Plains region to aid the Mountain-Plains Library Association's Regional Library Planning Committee. In her introduction, Miss Fulmer states, "Like the Pacific Northwest Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association, the Mountain-Plains Library Association is trying to find a regional solution for a regional problem. Through its Regional Library Planning Committee, the Mountain-Plains Library Association is to make an over-all plan of library development for one of the most retarded library regions in the country. To be sound, the demand for better and equalized library service must come from the people out of felt need, thus no plan can be superimposed with success. . . . This study of basic information, has been made with the hope that it will be useful and that to an extent it will supplant a library survey of the region. It makes no claim to completeness."

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BOOK NEWS

The Insurance Laws of the State of Montana, brought up-to-date and published for the first time since 1937, may be ordered from the office of the State Auditor, John J. Holmes, Capitol Building, Helena.

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STORIES OF WESTERN RANCH LIFE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, by Eloise J. Jensen of Cody, Wyoming, has bee published by Exposition Press, New York. The book is illustrated by Brownie Wissler Schaudel of Birney, Montana. Price $2.00.

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Frieda Fligelman has published a translation of what is probably the first play about America, written late in the 17th century by Lope de Vega Carpio: THE DISCOVERY OF THE

NEW WORLD BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. Copies may be ordered from Miss Fligelman, 320 N. Warren Street, Helena. Price $1.75 (paper); $2.75 (cloth).

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GREEN PLAID PANTS is the title of a new story by Margaret Scherf of Kalispell. Many of Miss Scherf's popular mysteries have a Montana setting, but the locale of this one is England and New York. Doubleday is her publisher. Price $2.50.

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I AM LIDIAN, by Naomi Lane Babson of Bozeman, has been published by Harcourt ($3.00). The setting is mid-century America with the action moving from New England, through the central states, to Montana.

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Two recent books by Archie Joscelyn are: SILVERTIP RANCH (Phoenix, $2.00); and HANGMAN'S COULEE (Dodd, $2.50). Mr. Joseclyn writes under several pseudonyms—A. A. Archer, Al Cody, Evelyn McKenna, and Lynn Westland.

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REMEMBER: Annual membership in the Historical Society of Montana, which inclues a subscription to the quarterly, THE MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, is $3.00. Fees should be sent to the Historical Society of Montana, Capitol Building, Helena.

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Montana Institute of the Arts issues a quarterly bulletin, which would be of value to libraries in the state. It contains news of M.I.A. activities in the various arts and crafts. Its section on Montana writers is particularly helpful. The bibliographic information includes magazine as well as book material. M.I.A. dues are $2.00 per year. Address Mrs. Ruby Montgomery, 341 Eddy Avenue, Missoula.

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The July 7 issue of SATURDAY REVIEW OF LITERATURE contains two articles on library service. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, wrote "The Public Library: Rampart of Freedom." "They Pushed Out the Walls," by Karl Detzer, describes the unique, progressive concept of library service to be found in the Free Public Library, Louisville, Kentucky.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual report forms are enclosed with this issue of MONTANA LIBRARIES. Please fill out in duplicate, sending one copy to the S.L.E.C. office as soon as possible.

MONTANA LIBRARIES

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

NATIONAL LIBRARY DAY

Communities in all parts of America were observing National Library Day, Thursday, October 4, to mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the American Library Association in Philadelphia on October 4, 1876. Exhibits, open house events and demonstrations were being conducted in many libraries with the focal observance in Philadelphia where a number of the sixty libraries and scientific organizations, represented at the original founding meeting, were being represented at a day-long round of events.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, President of A.L.A., issued the following statement:

"National Library Day marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the American Library Association which today has more than 20,000 members in America and in every major country in the world. The A.L.A. has pioneered in developing methods which have made libraries efficient service agencies for writers, scholars and readers.

"To freedom-loving people everywhere, this day is especially significant because the library is recognized as the great service agency of a democracy—the unassailable source of inspiration to all, in an atmosphere of intellectual freedom.

"We are devoting our anniversary year to a special program of conducting library discussion groups in communities throughout America on the theme: 'The Heritage of the U. S. in Times of Crisis.' The purpose is to help citizens to understand their freedoms and to think through the major problems of today in the light of the American tradition.

"Libraries are keenly aware of the critical days in which we live. They are revitalizing their services so that citizens may be equipped to deal courageously and intelligently with problems. They are rededicating themselves to the librarian's task of encouraging study and inquiry, and providing the resources for free people to strengthen their democratic convictions through broader understanding."

The following statement was issued by President Truman on June 27:

"It is a pleasure for me to greet the librarians of America gathered in Chicago at the national conference which launches the 75th year of the American Library Association and prepares for the celebration of National Library Day, October 4, 1951, the anniversary of its founding in Philadelphia in 1876.

"Characteristic of librarians, you have chosen to devote your anniversary year to a special service and contribution by stimulating nation-wide inquiry and study of the meanings of our freedoms under the theme: 'The Heritage of the U.S.A. in Times of Crisis.'

"I earnestly hope that every citizen will join in this en-

deavor under library leadership because such understanding of our heritage will help Americans to think through the major problems of these critical days. It is reassuring to know that the American Library Association, through action taken in the first month of this year, pledged librarians to a working program of economy, morale-building, conservation, service and cooperation to help meet the needs of national defense and world security.

"I wish to take this opportunity to extend the thanks of a grateful Nation to America's librarians for their devotion to the cause of intellectual freedom, their constant service to all our citizens, and their unselfish dedication to our understanding of the democratic processes by which our Nation is made great. Please accept my felicitations as you mark your 75th anniversary with new vigor and renewed ideals."

Governor Bonner issued the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS The American Library Association was founded in Philadelphia, on October 4, 1876, and marked the beginning of a new era in library development; and

WHEREAS Libraries and their services have become integral parts of the educational, cultural, social and economic life of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS All American citizens, regardless of race, color or creed, have access equally to information on the highest level of intellectual freedom; and

WHEREAS The 75th Anniversary of the organized Library movement is devoted to a restatement of the American Heritage in terms of present day conditions and to a stimulation of new educational and cultural opportunities available through Library services; and

WHEREAS Our Librarians, devoted to their duties and selfless in the time and effort they give to their chosen profession, are deserving of public recognition and tribute; now

THEREFORE I, John W. Bonner, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 4, 1951, to be

LIBRARY DAY

in Montana, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to pay tribute to our Librarians by means of programs, observances and special

events. Montana's great historical heritage is kept alive, its literature, works of art and the recorded events and deeds of its great citizens accessible at all times to every citizen in this State. Our libraries provide each of us with an opportunity to learn more about the great State, Nation and world in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. DONE at the City of Helena, the Capital, this the eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

By the Governor—Attest: John W. Bonner

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Ralph E. Ellsworth, Chairman, A.L.A. 75th Anniversary Committee, states: "We expect the head of each public library to call upon the president or chairman of each study club or organization late in October or early in November to make certain that the local group is devoting some time to the A.L.A. theme and that its members are buying and studying the Johnson and Commager books." (A.L.A. BULLETIN: July-August 1951)

The two books mentioned by Mr. Ellsworth, sponsored by A.L.A. to implement the heritage theme, will be released by Harper Brothers on October 31:

LIVING IDEAS IN AMERICA, by Henry Steel Commager $5.00
THIS AMERICAN PEOPLE, By Gerald Johnson 2.50

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AROUND THE STATE

The library of the Historical Society of Montana will be housed in the new Veterans-Pioneer Memorial Building on the Capitol grounds in Helena, which was dedicated during the annual meeting of the Society of Montana Pioneers and Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers on August 24.

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The Veterans' Hospital at Fort Harrison received a special award on August 10 for its program to foster patients' interest in poetry. The award was one of more than a hundred in an annual writing contest sponsored by the Veterans' Administration and the Hospitalized Veterans' Writing Project of Chicago, a volunteer organization.

On July 26 Governor Bonner announced the appointment of Mrs. Isabel Rilla to be a member of the State Library Extension Commission for a term of three years, which term will expire May 22, 1954. Mrs. Rilla succeeds Mrs. D. C. Warren of Glendive who served one term.

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On June 1, Mrs. Barbara Jensen retired as librarian of the George McCone Memorial County Library, Circle, which position she has filled since the establishment of the library in 1929.

Mrs. Mabel F. Fillenworth, a former teacher and a resident of McCone County since 1935, is the new county librarian.

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Mrs. Lee Butcher is librarian of the Ronan Public Library, a position formerly held by Barbara Johnson.

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Mrs. H. E. Collidge has been appointed librarian of the Stevensville Public Library, succeeding Clara Baggs.

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Marguerita McDonald has resigned her position as technical reference librarian at Montana State College, effective December 31, to join the staff of the State Historical Library, Helena.

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Marjorie Vivian of the Montana State College staff is touring Europe during her quarter out of residence this fall.

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On July 1, Charlotte Russel retired as librarian of the Law School Library at Montana State University, a position which she has held for twenty-five years. Before coming to Missoula she was librarian at the Montana School of Mines in Butte for twelve years. She plans to maintain her home in Missoula.

Mr. Mortimer Schwartz has been appointed librarian of the Law School Library and assumed his duties in September. Mr. Schwartz is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, took his library training at Columbia University, and holds LL.B. and M.S. degrees from Boston University. He has been admitted to the Maine Bar. Before coming to Montana he was employed in the Columbia University Law Library.

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Erana M. Stadler has been appointed head of adult circulation in the Great Falls Public Library, succeeding Mrs. Martha H. Peterson, who has returned to Santa Barbara, California, her former home. Miss Stadler is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Library School.

Isabel Gopian has replaced Mrs. Betty Curtis in the State Library Extension Commission office. Mrs. Curtis joined her husband who is stationed at Bremerton with the Navy.

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JOSEPH KINSEY HOWARD

Montanans were shocked to learn of the death of Joseph Kinsey Howard on August 23 at Choteau. J. Donald Adams paid him tribute in his column, "Speaking of Books," in the NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW on September 23, 1951: "I did not learn of Mr. Howard's death until my reference two weeks ago to his glowing description of the Treasure State in his MONTANA: HIGH, WIDE AND HANDSOME. He was among the best of our regional writers, and his untimely going is a great loss to the budding literature of the Northwest."

Following is an excerpt from an editorial published in the CHOTEAU ACANTHA on September 6, 1951:

JOE HOWARD

"The sudden and shocking death of Joseph Kinsey Howard brings to a close, too soon, a career of public service that will loom larger and larger as time enables us to focus on it. It was a career that engendered dispute and even animosity but that also won agreement, respect and love.

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"We knew Joe Howard for an honest, perceptive, courageous, kindly man, whose many friends valued his friendship immensely. It was a friendship to be trusted, to be drawn upon with never a fear of an overdraft. It was the kind of a friendship that gives meaning and resolution and faith and grace to life. And we say, with the melancohly resignation that years and loss bring on: Goodbye, Joe. Rest easy. Your presence enriched us."

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Librarians who have not sent their annual reports to the S.L.E.C. office are urged to do so immediately. The statistics will be summarized in the January issue of MONTANA LIBRARIES.

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The Membership Committee is extending an invitation to join the Montana State Library Association to all Montana librarians who are not members. Send dues to Treasurer Inez

M. Haskins, 820 West Silver Street, Butte. According to the By-laws as revised at the May meeting, dues are computed on a sliding scale based on salary received:

Up to $2400.00	$1.00
$2400.00-$3599.00	2.00
$3600.00 and up	3.00

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NORTHWEST AUTHORS BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

The College and Reference Division of PNLA is sponsorng a project to collect biographical information about current Northwest authors. The material concerning writers in each of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and the Province of British Columbia will be filed in a designated library in that state or province and will be made available on loan to libraries, to schools, to club women, and to other institutions, organizations, or individuals, interested in the subject. Montana State University Library will serve as the depository for Montana.

We are asking librarians throughout the state to help in collecting material about Montana authors. If you have a file of biographical information about any writers who are now living in Montana or have lived in the state, please send us as soon as possible a list of the names and addresses of these writers, with an indication of the amount of material in your file (e.g., much or little). For this project we are interested in writers of short stories, novels, poetry, plays, magazine articles, non-fiction books of a non-technical nature and journalists who write with a by-line. For the present we are limiting our collection to writers who are actively writing and publishing now. We shall appreciate receiving a list of the names and addresses of writers living in your community whether or not you have any biographical material about them.

It is our plan to mimeograph and perhaps eventually to have printed the information about Montana authors. The information will be in the form of interesting articles of the **Current Biography** type rather than the brief factual type of article. The mimeographed or printed material will be available at a small cost to libraries throughout the state.

M. CATHERINE WHITE
Reference Librarian
Montana State University Library

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Officers for 1951-1952

President, Lesley M. Heathcote, Bozeman

First vice-president (president-elect), William H. Carlson, Corvallis, Oregon

Second vice-president, Margaret Fulmer, Great Falls

Secretary, Alice M. Ridenour, Bozeman

Treasurer, Katherine Hughes, Corvallis, Oregon.

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The book which won the Young Reader's Choice Award for 1951 was KING OF THE WIND, by Marguerite Henry. Runners-up, in order of preference, were: ROCKET SHIP GALILEO, by Robert A. Heinlein; MY FATHER'S DRAGON, by Ruth Gannett; SNOW DOG, by James A. Kjelgaard; SLEIGH BELLS FOR WINDY FOOT, by Frances M. Frost; and BETSY AND JOE, by Maud H. Lovelace.

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Montanans attending the PNLA Conference in Spokane were: Margaret Fulmer, Loretta Kilroy and Sister Mary Carmelita, Great Falls; Lesley Heathcote, Alice Ridenour, Margaret Hileman, Marguerita McDonald and Doris Wilson, Bozeman; Winifred Griffith and Sally Whittier, Billings; Kathleen Campbell, Charles Hickey, Lucile Childears, Cecil Bull, Nellie Sheets and Ellen Torgrimson, Missoula; Marjorie Moores and Merwin Moores, Havre; A. P. Collins, Hamilton; Inez Ratekin, Libby; Lonita Kurtz, Kalispell; Martha Hassell, Fort Harrison; and Sister Mary Mathias, Lewistown.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

New officers were installed at the final General Session of the ALA 75th Anniversary Conference in Chicago on July 13.

President, Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, librarian of the Michigan State Library, Lansing

First vice-president (president-elect), Robert Bingham Downs, director of the U. of Illinois Library School

Second vice-president, Marian McFadden, librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library

Treasurer, R. Russell Munn, librarian of the Akron Public Library

Executive Secretary, David Clift.

A.L.A. FEDERAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Library Services Bills: S.1452 has been reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, but there is reason to believe that action on the bill will be postponed until the second session. During the period of adjournment every senator should be contacted and urged to support S.1452. If it is possible to see your senators personally and to get representatives of local groups to see them, more attention will be directed to the bill. Letters are also important.

Seven identical bills have been introduced in the House. In writing to Congressmen it will be suficient to refer to the Library Services Bills. The next step in the House is to urge the chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor to appoint a subcommittee to hold hearings on the bills as soon as the second session of Congress convenes in January. The chairman of this committee is Graham A. Barden (D) of North Carolina.

Postal Rate Increases: Both the Senate and House bills, as passed, contained a provision freezing the book rate at the present level. The Senate has also passed a separate bill limiting the weight of parcel post packages. Books were specifically eliminated from the weight restrictions. The House now has this bill under consideration. Publications of religious, charitable and other nonprofit organizations are exempt from increases in second class mail rates. The rate for postcards is increased from 1 cent to 2 cents.

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BOOK NEWS

JEWELRY MAKING FOR FUN AND PROFIT, by Helen Clegg and Mary Larom, has been published by McKay at $3.00. Mrs. Larom is a Montana author.

Dodd Mead has published two books by Norman A. Fox recently—PHANTOM SPUR and ROUGHSHOD. Both sell for $2.50.

Archie Joscelyn's newest book is DOOMROCK, published by Bouregy at $2.00. Many of Mr. Joscelyn's books are published in England.

Henry V. Larom, a graduate student in English at Montana State University last year, is the author of a popular series for children: MOUNTAIN PONY, MOUNTAIN PONY AND THE PINTO COLT, MOUNTAIN PONY AND THE ELKHORN MYSTERY, MOUNTAIN PONY AND THE RODEO MYSTERY, and BRONCO CHARLIE, RIDER OF THE PONY EXPRESS. These are published by Whittlesey House.

Random House has published WRONG BODY ($2.50) by

Lucy Beatrice Malleson, a former Butte resident, who writes under the pseudonym of Anthony Gilbert.

MURDER IN MONTANA, by Muriel D. Bradley (Doubleday, $2.50) has a Helena setting.

FISH LANE, a mystery novel by Louis Corkill, Butte's blind author, has been published by Unicorn Press. It was selected by the Unicorn Mystery Book Club as one of its books of the month. In writing the novel, Corkill made his preliminary draft on 400 sheets of Braille. He revised the book on another 400 sheets of Braille and then transcribed it on his typewriter.

SLEEPING MINES, by Mrs. Gertrude Finney (Longmans, $2.50) has its setting at the Monarch Mine, near Elliston, Montana. The Finneys who live in Spokane have property in this area.

An article by Edmund Christopherson, a Missoula author, THE BIG WATER GYP IN MONTANA, was published in the August 25 issue of SATURDAY EVENING POST.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

The Children's Book Council has done its usual fine job of preparing an assortment of gay colorful material for the celebration of Children's Book Week, November 11-17. The poster, bearing the slogan, "New Horizons with Books," was designed by Marcia Brown. This year's Book Week Bookmarks are in full color for the first time in Book Week history. There are also four different streamers designed by James Daugherty, Tibor Gergely, Kurt Wiese and Garth Williams, which can be used very effectively in displays. All these materials may be ordered from the Children's Book Council at 50 West 53d Street, New York 19. Price lists will be sent on request.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Midwinter Meeting

EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL, CHICAGO

January 29-February 2, 1952

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

Marguerita McDonald joined the staff of the Montana State Historical Library, Helena, on January 1, 1952, as assistant librarian. She was formerly technical reference librarian at Montana State College.

Mrs. Isabel Rilla, who was appointed to the State Library Extension Commission in May 1951, was married in November. Her name is now Mrs. Sattler.

Nina Ford is librarian and teacher of English in the Polson High School.

Tauno I. Salo is technical reference librarian at Montana State College, Bozeman, succeeding Marguerita McDonald. Mr. Salo comes from Seattle where he was employed part time at Seattle Public Library and the University of Washington Library.

Mary Lee Hall, formerly librarian at Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Hamilton, has accepted a position at the University of Tennessee Library, Memphis.

On November 9, the Conrad City Library opened its enlarged quarters in the Civic Center. The new room more than triples the library space occupied formerly. The room is equipped with new book shelving and charging desk and reading tables for children and adults.

Harold Boe of the English department has been acting librarian at Custer County High School, Miles City, following the resignation of Miss Taylor in August.

Margaret Bressman is librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital recently opened in Miles City.

Mrs. Coralee Poole is high school librarian at Harlowton, serving half time in this post. She reports that the high school library now has 2400 volumes. Six paintings by young local artists—Nancy Walton, James Knight, and Kay Moore—add to the attractiveness of the room.

Lois Taylor, librarian of the Big Horn County Library, Hardin, is interested in exchanging posters with other librarians.

Mrs. Mary Hagerty has joined the staff of the Great Falls Public Library as clerical assistant, the position formerly held by Gertrude Litzinger.

Helen Ross has been appointed librarian of the Livingston Public Library, succeeding Mrs. Mary L. McEwen who retired November 30.

Mrs. D. C. Scott has been appointed junior library assistant in the Great Falls Public Library, following the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Sandell on December 15.

Kathleen Donaldson is one of two full-time Bookmobile librarians on the Parmly Billings Memorial Library staff.

In Billings, an adult art class, under the direction of Gladys Johnson, high school art instructor, is continuing for the fourth year. The class meets once a week in the Parmly Billings Memorial Library.

Great Falls has been selected as one of the communities to participate in an experimental film discussion program financed by the Ford Foundation through its Fund for Adult Education. A grant of $150,000 was made to the American Library Association "to assist public libraries in conducting experimental programs of adult discussion on the American heritage and its contemporary application." The purpose of the project is to see if a combination of biographical films, specially prepared materials, and discussion guides can be used with relatively inexperienced and untrained leaders to encourage discussion of currently important national issues. The Ford Foundation Fund for Adult Education supplies all printed material and sends a representative to work with the group for a short period. The Great Falls Lions Club is providing leadership for the series of nine weekly film discussions which began November 13. The Public Library books the films and provides the projector and meeting space.

The Parmly Billings Memorial Library has received a gift of four volumes of music in Braille to be used in cooperation with the State Department of the Blind. Borrowers should apply through their local Public Welfare Board. The library has a subscription to the Readers Digest edition for the Blind.

The Children's Department of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library moved into new quarters in October.

The Children's room in the Great Falls Public Library was closed for redecoration from December 24 to January 2.

Clayton Brockel is high school librarian at Chinook.

REGIONAL LIBRARY PLANNING

Development of six regional libraries in Montana was the plan approved by the State Library Extension Commission at its meeting in Billings on October 15. Merwin M. Moores, president of the Montana State Library Association, and Lesley M. Heathcote, president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, attended the meeting as consultants. Tentative plans designate regional library centers at Glasgow, Billings, Miles City, Great Falls, Missoula and Helena. Members of the M.S.L.A. planning committee are: Erana Stadler, Great Falls; Mrs. R. L. Ewing, Glasgow; Mrs. Clare Smith, Miles City; Jean

Todd, Billings; Evelyn Swant, Missoula; Mrs. Martha Hassell, Helena.

Librarians and library trustees in the Great Falls region, which embraces Blaine, Toole, Liberty, Glacier, Hill, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Petroleum, Teton, Fergus, Pondera and Cascade Counties, met with the regional planning committee in Great Falls on December 8 to discuss plans for setting up a regional library, which would serve all the people by providing a skilled staff and a central collection of books, magazines, pamphlets, films, records and other materials upon which existing libraries may draw through deposits and bookmobiles.

Kathleen Campbell, librarian of Montana State University and chairman of the State Library Extension Commission, addressed the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Hill County Friends of the Library group at Havre in November, on the proposed Regional Library Plan. The forward-looking and vigorous Friends group in Hill County is extremely interested in the plan.

A.L.A. FEDERAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Miss Alice Dunlap, director of the Washington office, has resigned, effective at the close of the Midwinter meeting. Miss Dunlap will be succeeded by Miss Julia D. Bennett, who at present is Assistant Director of the office.

On behalf of the Library Services Bill, librarians are urged to write to Congressman Graham H. Barden (D., N. C.) asking for an early hearing. Mr. Barden is chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor and is responsible for scheduling hearings on the bill. It is important, too, to write all the congressmen from Montana asking for favorable consideration when the bill comes up for debate.

A.L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

The appointment of Miss S. Janice Kee of Madison, Wisconsin, to the position of Executive Secretary of the Public Libraries Division has been announced by Harold F. Brigham, president of the Division. Miss Kee will assume her new duties February 1.

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR, July 1, 1950-June 30, 1951
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate incomplete information.

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (mills)	Total Income	Per. Cap. approp.	Total Volumes	Circ.	Librarian
ANACONDA								
Hearst Free	1895	16,553	2. city .5 county	12,054.00	.73	19,146	24,735	Florence E. Catlin
BAKER								
Public	1943	1,772		500.00	.28	7,100	4,461	Mrs. J. A. Berge
BELFRY								
Public		752	0	600.00	.80	4,085	3,195	Mrs. Roy Hall
BIG TIMBER								
Carnegie		1,679	2.5	2,986.21	1.78	8,481	11,050	Mrs. Sarah Fallang
BILLINGS								
Parmly Billings Memorial	1901	31,834	2.5	50,593.51	1.59	49,532	148,536	Ann L. Whitmack
BOZEMAN								
Public	1885	11,325	3.	13,500.00	1.19	18,801	36,762	Margaret Hileman
BRIDGER								
Community	1912	854	0	269.57	.32	4,000		Mrs. C. L. Tomlinson
BUTTE								
Free Public	1890	48,422	.25 county 1.25 city	43,852.90	.91	82,500	161,014	Mrs. Lula M. Eschle
CHESTER								
Liberty County	1947	2,180	.5	1,200.00	.55	2,557	5,100	Mrs. Lilly F. Eveland

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Library	Estab. Year	Served Population	(mills) Tax Levy	Incom Totale	Per. Cap. approp.	Total Volumes	Circ.	Librarian
CHINOOK								
Blaine County	1921	8,516	.61	3,910.00	.46		19,941	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien
CHOTEAU								
Public	1916	1,618		592.09	.37	5,022	2,316	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts
CIRCLE								
George McCone Mem. County	1929	3,258	1.5	3,536.83	1.09	7,951	6,265	Mrs. Mabel T. Fillenworth
COLUMBUS								
Stillwater County	1928	5,416	1.	6,000.00	1.11	11,944	32,443	B. Jane Wilkins
CONRAD								
City		1,865	1.	1,655.02	.89	4,366	8,829	Mrs. J. E. Ritchey
CULBRETSON								
Public	1930	779	1.	300.00	.38	1,985	2,434	Mrs. Kathryn Garbe
CUT BANK								
Glacier County	1944	9,645	1.78	21,900.00	2.27	16,963	98,842	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
DILLON								
Public	1896	3,268	3.	4,000.00	1.22	16,728	12,904	Mary L. Innes
FAIRVIEW								
High Sch. & Public		942		1,870.00	1.99	2,379	4,261	Mrs. C. S. Johnson
FORSYTH								
Rosebud County	1920	6,570	.5	2,210.00	.34	10,174	8,684	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler

FORT BENTON								
Chouteau Co. Free	1915	6,974	1.2	11,518.74	1.65	21,186	20,354	Mildred England
FROID								
Public		555		300.00	.54	365		Mrs. Freida Waldron
GLASGOW								
Carnegie City-Co.	1906	11,353	2.5	8,842.35	.78	19,219	27,858	Mrs. R. L. Ewing
GLENDIVE								
Public	1915	5,254	1.9	4,525.00	.86	8,644	21,071	Mrs. Leon Coombs
GREAT FALLS								
Public	1892	39,214	3.5	72,500.00	1.85	60,347	210,499	Margaret Fulmer
County	1943	13,813	.65	13,015.00	.94	19,645	52,890	Mrs. Amy A. Patterson
HARDIN								
Big Horn County	1918	9,824	1.	7,443.00	.76	18,214	42,502	Lois H. Taylor
HARLEM								
Public		1,107	2.	1,323.91	1.20		5,865	Mrs. J. W. Quinn
HARLOWTON								
Public	1921	1,733		960.00	.55	6,364	9,236	Georgia R. James
HAVRE								
Public	1904	8,086	1.5	5,940.00	.73	14,208	14,079	Marjorie Beal
Hill County Rural	1948	6,199	.65	4,850.00	.77	5,450	24,315	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores
HELENA								
Public	1886	17,581	1.5	14,000.00	.80	72,132	62,560	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
HYSHAM								
Treasure County	1947	1,402		35.00	.02	898	898	Mrs. Helen M. Henricks
JORDAN								
Garfield Co. Free	1948	2,172	.5	2,000.00	.92	1,431	3,349	Mrs. Doris M. Mart

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KALISPELL								
Carnegie City	1903	9,737	3.	12,487.14	1.28	20,097	56,004	Jeane Lewis
Flathead Co. Free	1943	18,490	1.	9,930.00	.54	15,720	75,331	Mrs. Cornelia W. Sherman
LAUREL								
Public	1917	3,663	2.5	1,190.00	.33	7,540	16,427	Frances Fenton
LEWISTOWN								
Carnegie Public	1901	6,573	2.47	8,520.00	1.30	12,403	42,513	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman
LIBBY								
Lincoln Co. Free	1920	8,693	1.40	8,411.64	.97	15,951	68,040	Inez Ratekin
LIVINGSTON								
Public		7,683	2.60	9,092.00	1.18	16,266	78,891	Mrs. Helen Ross
MALTA								
Phillips Co. Free	1918	6,334		2,900.00	.46	9,580	13,281	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY								
Carnegie Public	1902	9,243	2.5	10,850.00	1.17	16,146	28,482	Mrs. Clare M. Smith
MISSOULA								
Public & County	1894 1916	35,493	2.25 city 1.25 county	36,006.31	1.01	138,171	68,592	Evelyn L. Swant
OLLIE								
Public	1927	122	0	90.00	.74	1,874		Mrs. Pat Plummer
PARK CITY								
Smeltzer Memorial		804		60.00	.07	3,025		Mrs. S. T. Flood

PHILIPSBURG Free Public	1912	1,048	0	266.00	.25	2,500	100	Mrs. Frances Harrington
PLAINS Public	1920	714	3.	774.20	1.08	3,737	4,650	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD Sheridan Co. Free	1919	6,674	.6	4,137.27	.62	10,449	12,011	Mrs. Ruth L. Lund
POLSON City		2,280	1.5	1,529.95	.67	6,658	18,106	Mrs. Mabel Miller
POPLAR City	1918	1,169	2.	730.95	.63	3,627	3,425	Mrs. Kate L. Hanson
RED LODGE Carnegie	1915	2,730	2.	2,458.03	.90	8,012	15,682	Mrs. Marian E. Adams
ROUNDUP Public	1931	5,408	1.25	1,410.00	.26	5,000	11,500	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY Daniels Co. Free	1947	3,946	.4	1,347.12	.34	2,927	5,205	Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY Toole Co. Free	1947	6,867	1.	6,594.40	.96	13,002	33,176	Mrs. W. M. Black
SIDNEY Public	1914	3,987	2.5	3,718.25	.93	6,924	15,422	Mrs. Sarah Kittleson
STANFORD Judith Basin County Free	1946	3,200	.67	3,822.92	1.19	7,010	6,161	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman
SUPERIOR Mineral Co. Public	1936	2,081	.54	1,428.46	.69	5,048	7,047	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY Public	1944	2,377	.5	1,660.53	.70	4,500	10,238	Mrs. W. L. Ganson

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THOMPSON FALLS								
Public	1923	815	2.	238.00	.28	5,323	3,540	Mrs. Lester Kemmerer
TOWNSEND								
Broadwater Co.	1935	2,922	.45	1,492.78	.51	5,900	16,096	Mrs. Florence Muzzy
TWIN BRIDGES								
Public	1918	497	2.	747.00	1.50	6,680	500	Mrs. May Lunger
VIRGINIA CITY								
Thompson-Hickman Free County	1918	5,998		1,738.83	.29	6,768	4,683	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS								
Meagher County Public	1938	1,025	1.5	1,218.00	1.19	6,134	3,307	Mrs. L. E. Dunkel
WHITEFISH								
Public	1925	3,268		2,189.68	.67	7,600	18,236	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WISDOM								
Public	1934	819	0	160.00	.20	3,550	100	Mrs. George Cottrell
WOLF POINT								
Roosevelt Co.	1950	9,580	.5	6,875.00	.72	8,039	21,350	Mrs. Margaret H. Smith

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Montana State Library Association

Annual Meeting

May 4-5-6, 1952

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American Library Association

Annual Conference

June 29–July 5, 1952

NEW YORK CITY

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

The Whitefish Woman's Club has given the Public Library a record player for use with its recently inaugurated record lending collection.

At Cut Bank the Jayceeans voted to constitute themselves a "Friends of the Library" group to work with other organizations, particularly the Woman's Club, through whose leadership the Glacier County Library was established in 1944.

Facilities of the Glacier County Library have been enlarged by the addition of a workroom to its quarters in City Hall. The additional space became available when the office of the City Engineer was moved.

Mrs. Clara Traver, Assistant Librarian for many years in the Carnegie Library, Big Timber, passed away on February 7, following an extended illness.

Vernon L. Van Hess is Librarian of the Stevensville High School.

Mrs. Margie Ann Camm, formerly Librarian at the Great Falls Air Base, now has charge of the library at the Mountain Home (Idaho) Air Base where her husband is stationed.

Mrs. Iva Wells has been appointed Assistant Librarian in the Big Timber Carnegie Library.

The Havre Public Library held Open House on February 12 to show off its improvements. These include redecorating, furnace reconditioning and installation of a thermostat, cutting down high shelving to accessible height, establishment of a Memorial collection, and purchase of a 1951 edition of the ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA. Plans are underway for a new lighting system, establishment of a record collection, and redecorating the Children's Room.

Jane Wilkins looks to the laurels of Stillwater County in the April 1st issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL (p. 546), explaining that bookmobile service in the state was inaugurated by the Stillwater County Library, not by the Parmly Billings Memorial Library as stated in an article in the Jan. 15th issue. Miss Wilkins pays a fine tribute to the Columbus Jaycees and to Virginia Walton, who was Stillwater County Librarian when the bookmobile began operating.

Anne Kraus of St. Petersburg, Florida, has accepted a position as Bookmobile Librarian on the Parmly Billings Memorial Library staff. She will begin work on April 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Houghton have moved to Portland. Roger was formerly Assistant Librarian at the Reclamation Bureau Library in Billings, and Barbara was Bookmobile Librarian for the Parmly Billings Memorial Library.

The State Library Extension Commission held its regular winter meeting in Helena on February 18.

The kick-off for Regional Library Planning in the Helena area was a meeting held in the Governor's reception room at the Capitol on February 19. The meeting was attended by interested citizens of Helena, members of the S.L.E.C., Margaret Fulmer, state chairman and representative of the P.N.L.A. Library Development Committee, and William A. Easton, representing the Mountain-Plains Library Association. The film, BOOKS AND PEOPLE: THE WEALTH WITHIN, was shown. Mr. Toole conducted the group on a tour of the new Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building.

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ERRATUM

In the January 1952 issue, p. 8, the statistics for Missoula Public Library under "Total volumes" and "Circ." were transposed. Missoula's circulation for the year was 138,171; total volumes in the library were 68,592. We apologize for the error.

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SUMMER READING

Books for young readers will be made available to Montana public libraries this summer by the State Library Extension Commission. Up to 100 titles will be sent for vacation reading programs on request, for use from June 1 until September 1. The only charge for this service will be for transportation costs from Missoula and return. Borrowers should indicate reading levels and types of stories desired.

Books for adults are available also on the same terms.

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The M.S.L.A. meeting will take on new color this year. It is being planned as a traveling conference, with caravans starting at two different points—Conrad and Billings—on Sunday, May 4, proceeding by the northern and southern routes, respectively, and converging at Sidney on Monday evening. There will be stops along the way to visit as many libraries as time permits. Librarians are urged to join either one of the caravans for all, or any part of the trip, and Friends of the Library will also be welcome. Arrangements for the northern group are being made by Merwin M. Moores, Northern Montana College, Havre; for the southern group by Warren A. Lussky, Rocky Mountain College, Polytechnic. Write today, stating whether you will need transportation or will take a car and can accommodate passengers.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Consultant on Literature for Children and Youth

Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, well-known specialist in library work with children, has been appointed special consultant on children's literature to make a study looking toward the development of an effective children's literature program in the Library of Congress. The appointment is made possible by funds provided by a joint committee of the American Association of University Women and the Association for Childhood Education International. These groups, as well as a number of individual donors who participated in the gift, are anxious to explore the possibility of creating a national center for the study and increased usefulness of children's literature.

Mrs. Sayers is the author of three children's books: BLUE-BONNETS FOR LUCINDA; MR. TIDY PAWS; and TAG-ALONG TOOLOO.

Subject Heading Manual

The catalogs of the Library of Congress attempt to help the reader find information on every possible subject by listing each of its books under all the topics it deals with. How these topics, technically called subject headings, are chosen, how the relationships between them are indicated, and how subject headings are related to other kinds of headings are explained in a new book entitled, SUBJECT HEADINGS: A PRACTICAL GUIDE, by David Judson Haykin, published by the Library of Congress. The manual, expected to find wide use in libraries and library schools throughout the world, is for sale by the Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 70 cents.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will be one of the principal speakers at the 71st Annual Conference of the A.L.A. to be held in New York City, June 29 to July 5. Mrs. Roosevelt, who cabled her acceptance from India to A.L.A. headquarters, will speak on the subject of books as bridges to international understanding, at the third general session of the Conference at 2:00 P.M. on July 3rd.

"Books Are Basic" will be the Conference theme. Three other general sessions will relate books to culture, technology and industry, and to freedom of inquiry.

More than 5,000 librarians from all parts of the country are expected to attend the Conference which annually is one of the largest of the nation's professional gatherings. A.L.A. Presi-

dent, Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, Michigan State Librarian, will preside at the general sessions. In addition, there will be more than 150 business and program meetings covering all phases of librarianship. At the final session, the President-elect, Robert Bingham Downs, Director of the University of Illinois Libraries and of the Library School, will be installed as president. Conference chairman is Francis E. St. John, Chief Librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library.

During the Conference week, seven divisions of the A.L.A. will be in special sessions. They are: American Association of School Librarians, Association of College and Reference Libraries, Division of Cataloging and Classification, Division of Libraries for Children and Young People, Hospital Libraries Division, Library Extension Division, and Public Libraries Division.

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NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT AWARDS

Announcement of the Newbery and Caldecott awards was made on March 7th from the office of Frederic Melcher, donor of the medals. The official presentation of the medals will take place at the Newbery-Caldecott dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on July 1st.

The Newbery award was given to Eleanor Estes' GINGER PYE, published by Harcourt. Runners-up were:

Elizabeth Baity—Americans before Columbus (Viking)

Holling C. Holling—Minn of the Mississippi (Houghton)

Nicholas Kalashnikoff—Defender (Scribner)

Julia L. Sauer—Light at Tern Rock (Viking)

Mary Buff—Apple and the arrow (Houghton)

The Caldecott award was given to Nicholas Mordvinoff, illustrator and joint author of FINDERS KEEPERS, which he wrote with William Lipkind (Harcourt). Runners-up were:

Marie H. Ets—Mr. T. W. Anthony Woo (Viking)

Marcia Brown—Skipper John's cook (Scribner)

Margaret B. Graham, illus.—All falling down, by Eugene Zion (Harper)

Elizabeth Olds—Feather mountain (Houghton)

William P. DuBois—Bear party (Viking)

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LIBRARY SERVICES BILL

Hearings on H.R. 5195 were held on April 1 and 2 before a five man subcommittee with Congressman Boyd Tackett (Ark.) as chairman. Wtinesses who testified included repre-

sentatives of organizations which are supporting the bill, librarians, library users and Congressmen. Other individuals and organizations filed statements endorsing the bill. No testimony in opposition to the bill was presented either day.

Every effort must be made to bombard all the Congressmen and Senators with letters from everyone in the state—men, women and children—demanding better library service and urging their favorable vote for the Library Services Bill. Remember we have only until around June 1 to secure action in both Houses of Congress.

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ABOUT BOOKS

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. are forty years old this year. In observance of the anniversary, they are distributing the book, CITIZENS IN ACTION—THE GIRL SCOUT RECORD, 1912-1947, which tells the story of Girl Scouting for thirty-five years. Libraries may secure free copies by writing to:

Mrs. Alfred Wallace
Program Department
Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
155 E. 44th Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Book now to be released

Thompson, David

Journals relating to Montana and adjacent regions, 1808-1812. Transcribed from a photostatic copy of the original mss., & edited with an introduction by M. Catherine White. Missoula, Montana State University Press, 1950. Price: about $5.00.

clxi, 345 p. illus. fold. maps. 24cm. Bibliography.

Only 500 copies were printed. Miss White is holding thirty copies for Montana libraries. Do not delay in placing your order with Montana State University Library, Missoula, Montana.

Poetry

WIMBLE FOLK AND RIMBLE SEED, a book of whimsical verse, written by Edith Bridgewater, has been published by Exposition Press, Inc., New York City. The price is $1.50. Miss Bridgewater, who teaches fifth grade at Polson, was born near Bozeman, attended Montana State University, and is a graduate of Western Washington College of Education.

COLLECTED VERSE, INCLUDING AND THEN RE-MOLD IT, by Mary Brennan Clapp, has been privately printed by Delaney's Bureau of Printing, Missoula. It is paper bound, and the price is $2.00. Mrs. Clapp, Professor of English at Montana State University, has had many poems published in poetry magazines. Her first volume of poems, AND THEN RE-MOLD IT, published in 1929, is out of print.

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MONTANA TREASURE MAGAZINE has resumed publication with the March 1952 issue (vol. 2, no. 5), after a lapse of almost a year. Editor Floyd I. Merrit states that the magazine gained undreamed of circulation before it was in a position to absorb mounting production costs. He promises that a regular monthly schedule will be maintained from now on. All subscriptions have been extended to give subscribers the full number of issues contracted for.

Subscription rates: 1 year, $2.50; 3 years, $5.00.

Address: Treasure Magazine, P. O. Box 896, Billings.

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Publication of the MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY is a project which merits the support of every library in the state. If your library is not already a subscriber, will you send in your subscription immediately? Annual membership in the Historical Society of Montana costs $3.00. The MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY is sent to all paid-up members.

Address: Historical Society of Montana, Helena.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 8-10, 1952

EMPRESS HOTEL

Victoria, B. C.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

Parmly Billings Memorial Library

Mrs. W. H. Whittier has resigned as Children's Librarian, effective August 1.

Mrs. Vera M. Salinas, who has been in charge of the work with young people, will take over the Children's Department.

Ann Kraus, a graduate of the Florida State University Library School, joined the staff as Bookmobile Librarian in April.

Montana State University Library

Mrs. Aileen Propes resigned as Assistant Cataloger in June. She has accepted a position in the Arcadia (California) Public Library.

Charles Hickey, head of the Acquisitions Department, resigned in July. He has accepted a position as Acquisitions Librarian for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Washington, D. C.

Ann Eileen Patterson will take over the duties of Acquisitions Librarian on September 1. She is a graduate of Northern Michigan State Teachers College and holds a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan.

Roosevelt County Library

Mrs. Clarence Hanson has been appointed County Librarian at Wolf Point, succeeding Mrs. Margaret Smith.

Great Falls Public Library

Margaret Fulmer has accepted a teaching position at the University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction. She will leave Great Falls August 15.

State Library Extension Commission

Mrs. Ethel Joscelyn has resigned her position on the S.L.E.C. staff and is making her home in White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Florena I. Vinal, graduate of Montana State University, has accepted a position as Assistant Librarian in charge of circulation.

Mrs. Wallace T. Perham of Glendive died in June, following a heart attack. Mrs. Perham was appointed to the State Library Extension Commission by Governor Ford in 1945. Because of failing health, she declined reappointment in 1948. The Commission mourns the loss of a true friend and supporter.

Ellen Torgrimson represented Montana at the American

Library Association conference in New York City, June 29-July 5. Highlights of the program were addresses by Lawrence Clark Powell, University of California Library—"The Alchemy of Books"; John Bakeless, New York University—"Libraries and the Making of Books"; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, United Nations General Assembly—"Books are Basic for Better International Relations"; Norman Cousins, vice president, **The Saturday Review**—"Librarians Bridge the World"; Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, author—"Presenting Our American Heritage in Japan."

Miss Torgrimson was delighted to find Virginia Walton in attendance at the conference. Miss Walton sent greetings to her Montana library friends.

Following the A.L.A. conference, Miss Torgrimson joined the three-day Workshop Tour to Larger Units of Library Service in New York State. The group of fifty-five librarians, representing nineteen states and the Philippine Islands, traveled in two Pullman cars. The first stop was in Albany to visit the New York State Library. The next day was spent in Watertown where the Regional Library experiment has been so successfully carried on. The third day was spent in Buffalo visiting the Erie County Library where the efficiency and economy of centralized administration, without sacrificing local autonomy, are being dramatically demonstrated. Justice Francis Bergan of the New York Supreme Court acted as moderator. Harold Lancour, University of Illinois Library School, and Raymond C. Lindquist, Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland, served as consultants.

Montana State Library Association

The 1952 innovation of a Traveling Library Conference was pronounced an unqualified success. The librarians traveled by car in two groups, one originating at Conrad, the other at Billings, and proceeding eastward to converge upon Sidney for the final day's sessions. Stops were made along the way to visit libraries and to join with local residents in discussions of library problems and their solution.

New officers: President, Mrs. Leon Coombs, Glendive; vice president and president-elect, Lesley M. Heathcote, Bozeman; secretary, Mrs. Marjorie M. Moores, Havre; treasurer, Inez Haskins, Butte.

The 1953 meeting will be held in Missoula on May 4-5.

Library Science Instruction

Training courses for teacher-librarians were offered during the summer session at Montana State University with Elza Huffman, Billings High School Librarian, as instructor.

A three-weeks Workshop for librarians was conducted at Eastern Montana College of Education during the summer session under the direction of the Librarian, Pauline Rich.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

New officers: President, Robert Bingham Downs, University of Illinois; vice president and president-elect, Flora Belle Ludington, Mt. Holyoke College; second vice president, Lucile Morsch, Library of Congress; treasurer, Raymond C. Lindquist, Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland.

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ADDRESS, by K. Ross Toole*

Carey McWilliams in a book called **Rocky Mountain Cities** described the Rocky Mountain West as "not only the least understood but the most thoroughly **mis**understood region in the nation."

Ordinarily one thinks of the **South** as the most misunderstood region in the nation. I doubt that the average Montanan feels misunderstood—I doubt that he considers his state to be misunderstood.

But I think Carey McWilliams is right, and the fact that most Montanans are **unaware** of the anomalous position occupied by their state is additional testimony to the fact that it **is** misunderstood, and that they misunderstand their state.

When I was in the service I got to anticipating a certain standard reaction when, in the course of conversation, I said that I was from Montana. Someone would invariably make a noise like a sheep—and someone else was sure to ask when Montana proposed to join the Union. There was always a good deal of jocular good humor about this outpost of civilization; but behind it I never failed to discover a truly amazing ignorance about this area—and an ignorance on the part of people who **should** have known better—well-read people, intelligent people,—and, what is worse, people who had actually traveled through the region.

Now remarks such as, "When is Montana going to join the Union?" always irritated me because they pricked me in my local patriotism, but they worried me—and worry me for a more fundamental reason—because they are symptomatic of this misunderstanding about which I have been speaking; and because it is becoming more and more damaging for Montana to be misunderstood by the nation at large, and for Montanans

*Mr. Toole is Director, Historical Society of Montana. The address was presented before the Montana Library Association at Sidney, May 6, 1952.

to fail to understand the role their state **has** played in the past and is scheduled to play in the future.

No state, in this day and age, is the exclusive master of its own fate. Its prosperity and well-being depend increasingly upon outside factors. Congressional legislation, executive decree, **regional** legislation—all have a profound effect upon individual states—yet only in a very **indirect** sense does any given state participate in such legislation.

You may not **like** the trend toward regionalism. You may even consider it subversive. You may bemoan the passing of the last vestige of the political philosophy of state's rights. But that doesn't help any. It does not change the fact that it is increasingly vital for us to be understood as a state and as a region—so that legislation (wherever it comes from) which affects us is based on reality.

All this is by way of preface to the remark that history, state history, has its part to play. So has the **neglect** of it—because that neglect is at once a symptom and a cause. It is a symptom of lethargy and apathy. It is a cause of misunderstanding.

I spoke a moment ago about the ignorance of the average non-Montanan about Montana. Ignorance is perhaps a bad word. It is rather a lack of information. It is that, and more, it is a large dose of **misinformation.**

Well, whose fault is it? It is, of course, our own. For instance, in university libraries the American history section is arranged regionally as well as topically so that you can walk along the stacks and ascertain the quantity, at least, of the material available on any given state or region. Since my business is western history I have checked a good many university libraries. I have never yet failed to come out chagrinned because Montana was so poorly represented—if, indeed, it was represented at all.

Until last year, Montana was one of the three or four states in the Union that did not publish a magazine of history. And the back issues of such a journal are of tremendous value to a general historian writing a text or general work in U.S. or western history. If Montana is poorly represented on library shelves, it is no better represented in general books on western and United States history—and for the same reason—because we simply haven't put enough of our history on the market.

Even if you **are** interested in the history, the heritage, of the state in which you live, what can you get on it in the way of books? Very little.

There is not one good overall history of Montana in existence. Moreover, there are very, very few special studies—or monographs.

There is no economic history of Montana; no social history; no history of agriculture; no history of labor; no history of our principal industry, the heavy mining industry; no history of lumbering; no history of banking; no history of transportation; no history of trade and commerce. And the list could be greatly expanded.

These are the things that explain why we are where we are today. They are the vital formative factors—the substance of our history. We have done nothing with them.

Yes, you can read about Custer until you are blue in the face. Custer was not a Montanan, the Indians he fought were not really Montana Indians, the battle had no effect on our history.

You can read about fur traders, vigilantes and the gold rush days. All of these things were but a preface, a proloque, to the actual history of this commonwealth.

And that is all we have written of our history—a preface. We will not write the real history of Montana until a great deal of spade work has been done on the particular aspects that make it up—until the various units of the University, for instance, decide to take advantage of the gold mine in their own back yard and turn their students to **effective** research—social, economic and political—bearing on the heritage of this state; until the Historical Society of Montana becomes the institution it ought by rights to have been years ago.

I spoke a moment ago about a gold mine of historical material. Did you know, for instance, that hidden away in Helena there is a superb manuscript library? Did you know that Montana has the finest state newspaper collection, on a comparative basis, west of the Mississippi River? There is no better historical raw material than such newspapers. Worth about $300,000 on the open market, most Montanans don't even know of their existence.

That library has a manuscript collection (letters, diaries, account books, ledgers) worth close to $80,000. It is rarely used. Few Montanans—even those who claim to do research on Montana's history—know that it is there.

I haven't time to tell you more of the richness of the historical collection which is going unnoticed in this state. It is rich enough to make the average historian drool—and, incidentally, it is much more widely used by out-of-state historians than by anybody else.

Peculiarly enough, the **Montana Magazine of History,** which has now been published for a year—has an amazingly good circulation—a circulation which on a per capita basis is considerably larger than any state's west of the Mississippi. Yet

out-of-state circulation is nearly as large as the circulation in Montana. Non-Montanans apparently have proportionately more interest in our history than we do ourselves.

Now all of this adds up to the failure to exploit a great wealth. And that failure has practical and pragmatic consequences as well as theoretical consequences. It is at least partially responsible for the misunderstanding of Montana about which I spoke a moment ago — a misunderstanding which has had and which will continue to have (unless we correct it) a bad effect on Montana in hard and fast terms of economics.

It is not sufficient that we have an active and aggressive Chamber of Commerce. This misunderstanding is deeply rooted in our history and it can only be fully offset by an effective exploitation of our history.

Moreover, until we actually produce some history, we ourselves cannot fully understand how we got where we are, and not understanding **that,** we can hardly proceed from this point into the future with any certitude. Have we, for instance, or have we not, been exploited by the industrial Northeast. If we have, how did it come about? To what extent did the movement of eastern capital into Montana in the 1880's result in a sort of colonial position for us? In terms of raw materials we have been and are immensely rich. Have we, or have we not, kept a fair share of this wealth? If we have not, why haven't we? What are the economic mechanics under which we have been operating as a state?

The truth is, of course, **we don't know.** These questions are vital for us, but if we answer them at all, we answer them politically, from a pro- or anti-Anaconda Company point of view, from a Democratic or a Republican point of view, from a labor or a management point of view. The real answers are to be found in our history. It is important that we find them.

Last year the Historical Society of Montana was reorganized. It now has, for the first time since 1865, an adequate budget. It has a trained staff of enthusiastic people grimly determined to make up for lost time, it will soon move into a superb new $800,000 building (built from money which has been accruing from boxing matches in the State of Montana since 1920, and not from tax-payers' money). This building has the best historical physical facilities that money can buy.

The Historical Society now publishes the **Montana Magazine of History** and it has a whole series of plans, including, incidentally, complete microfilm facilities calculated to put Montana's history in shape.

Now very few of you will ever have occasion to use our historical materials. That isn't your line of business; moreover,

history is very likely not even an avocation with you. Even if it is, you probably don't get to Helena very often. But you **are** Montanans and let me assume for the moment, at least, that you are concerned by our failure to exploit our heritage. What can you do? The answer is very simple. Support the Historical Society. Join the Society. It will cost you three dollars a year for which you will receive the **Montana Magazine of History.** But because you are librarians, we hope also that you will help us in other ways. We hope you will familiarize yourselves—with our help—with the nature of our library, that you will steer materials to us which obviously belong in such a collection, that you will support us in a state-wide microfilm program (and by support I mean actively lobby for a microfilm law next January).

We hope, for instance, that you will keep an eye open for good Master's theses on Montana History—for any manuscript material that may come to light in your community. We hope that you will remember that we are now a functioning organization with zeal and a purpose.

Our ultimate success or failure depends completely upon the strength of the fabric of your own resistance. Of one thing, however, I am sure. We may fail in this endeavor—but if we do—it won't be because we didn't try.

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AROUND THE STATE

Miles City

Mrs. Frances Bridges Plummer is librarian of the Custer County High School. Before her marriage, Mrs. Plummer was high school librarian at Ronan during the 1951 fall semester, resigning that position to resume her professional training in January.

E. Margaret Snell has been appointed librarian in the new Veteran's Hospital, succeeding Margaret Bressman.

Columbus

Mrs. Helen Prichard is again "acting librarian" for the Stillwater County Library. Jane Wilkins (now Mrs. Richard Pultz) resigned in August and is living in Brockport, New York.

Alice McClain, whose home is in Columbus, is on the staff of the Idaho State College Library, Pocatello.

Dodson

Mrs. Mabel Kielt is in charge of the library sponsored by the Civic Woman's Club.

Fairfield

Margaret Hedblom is librarian of the Fairfield Public Library.

Custer

Mrs. Ruth Kesterson has charge of the library sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Great Falls

Lucille Simpson has assumed her duties as librarian of the Great Falls Public Library, succeeding Margaret Fulmer. Miss Simpson is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and the Columbia University School of Library Service. She began her library career in 1947 on the staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library. Since 1949 she has been head of the Public and County libraries at La Porte, Indiana.

Mrs. Nydia L. Moore is circulation librarian at the Great Falls Public Library. She succeeds Erana Stadler who resigned to accept a position in the Fergus Falls (Minnesota) Public Library.

Montana State College

Mrs. Norma Thompson Herkes has resigned and is now living in Honolulu, T. H. The new documents librarian is Marian Stephens, a 1952 graduate of the Western Reserve School of Librarianship.

A five-hour course in elementary library techniques for

high school teacher-librarians is being offered during the fall quarter. The State College Library staff is teaching the course.

Hobson

Mrs. Betty Boyd has replaced Edith Stewart as librarian of the Hobson Community Library.

State Library Extension Commission

Mrs. Leo C. Graybill has been appointed to the State Library Extension Commission to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of Margaret Fulmer's departure from the state. Mrs. Graybill's term will expire in May 1954. She is deeply interested in libraries and has served on the Library Board of the Great Falls Public Library for a number of years. Her husband has been a Cascade County Representative to the State Legislature for several terms and was Speaker of the House during the 1949 session. It will be helpful to have a member of the Commission in Helena during the legislative assembly.

The S.L.E.C. will give to the first library requesting:

CHILDREN'S CATALOG, 7th edition, with supplements covering 1947-1950.

COLLIER'S YEARBOOK, 1951.

AMERICAN LIBRARY DIRECTORY, 1948 edition.

WORLD WE SAW WITH TOWN HALL, by Mary Bell Decker, 1950.

CATALOG OF REPRINTS IN SERIES, 12th edition.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Librarians who have not yet sent in their annual reports for the year ending June 30, 1952, are requested to do so immediately. The statistics must be assembled and tabulated for the biennial report to the Governor and for the January issue of MONTANA LIBRARIES.

RURAL READING PROJECT

The Montana Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service and the State Library Extension Commission are cooperating in a project designed to promote reading among people in the rural areas of Montana, many of whom do not have ready access to library facilities. The plan is to develop interest in reading through carefully selected books, which the whole family can enjoy, and to make these books available. Four book lists will be issued during the year and will be widely distributed through the offices of the County Agricultural and Home Demonstration Agents. The first list of twenty-eight titles is now being distributed.

A Rural Reading Committee, composed of representatives

of the State College Library and Extension Service staffs, has undertaken the task of compiling the book lists. The committee will welcome suggestions from librarians and other interested persons.

Before the first book list was released for distribution, copies were sent to librarians in the state who were asked to report to the State Library Extension Commission which titles were in their library collections. Lest the libraries be deluged with requests that could not be filled, thus defeating the program at the start, the Rural Reading Committee decided that at first the project should receive emphasis in only eight counties—Dawson, Chouteau, Valley, Custer, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Lincoln, and Hill. Following the initial period of intensive promotion in these counties, however, the Rural Reading Project will be statewide. Since County Agents will be pushing the specific books included on the lists, librarians are urged to stock all the titles in anticipation of demand.

The S.L.E.C. will appreciate hearing from those librarians who have neglected to check the book list and report their holdings. It is important to know where the books are available and the number of copies.

PUBLICITY

Two libraries have reported some publicity devices they have used.

Glendive Public Library

At intervals the Home Demonstration Agent includes in her bulletin a selective list of books with brief reviews.

A fifteen-minute radio program every two weeks features book reviews and library news.

Teen-Age Book Parade, a fifteen-minute program, is featured frequently on public service time.

During the past year, one radio program was devoted to the functions of the State Library Extension Commission, another to the benefits of county library service.

Lists of new books are published in the county paper.

Hill County Rural Library

On the radio, the library holds a weekly story hour and uses public service time and spot announcements.

Notes on new books are included in "Circular Notes" sent out quarterly by the Home Demonstration Agent. A Library Newsletter is sent occasionally to each Home Demonstration Club president. A report by the librarian is presented at the spring and fall meetings of the county Home Demonstration

Council. The librarian tries to visit each Home Demonstration Club at least once a year, and she attends the county-wide Achievement Day program.

The library maintains a booth at the Hill County Fair.

Library news is included in bulletins sent out by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Book reviews are presented before church and club groups.

Library classes and book discussions are conducted at the annual 4-H Club camp.

Newspaper articles, covering circulation, new books, memorials, gifts, library appointments, State Association and Library Commission news, exhibits, and meetings, are sent to all the small town papers in the area.

The librarian gives talks before elementary education classes at Northern Montana College and the Hill County Montana Education Association.

What is your publicity program? Are you making the best possible use of the media available to you?

Alys Reeder, who does publicity work for the Extension Service at Montana State College, has agreed to draw up a simple manual of rules to help librarians who may have had limited experience with publicity matters. Miss Reeder will welcome questions or suggestions from librarians to guide her in making the manual as helpful as possible.

LIBRARY LITERATURE

Articles of particular interest to Montana librarians have appeared in recent issues of professional periodicals:

Library Journal, October 1, 1952

BOOK-A-YEAR CLUB, by Paul Kruse (p. 1588), offers a new suggestion for a Friends-of-the-Library activity.

Library Journal, October 15, 1952

YOU, TOO, CAN BROADCAST, by Margaret Roché (p. 1777), is a helpful article for librarians who may have access to radio broadcasting facilities.

FALL 1952 CHILDREN'S BOOKS, a survey of the new fall juveniles, done by the School and Children's Librarians of Mount Vernon, N.Y. (p. 1733), represents both school and public library points of view. The books included have been divided into three age levels—"For the youngest," "The middle group," and "High school age."

1952 ADULT BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, by Claire Babiak (p. 1757), includes titles from the fall adult publications which can be recommended to the more mature teen-agers.

Library Journal, November 1, 1952

MONTANA TAKES THE TRAIL, by Ann Whitmack (p. 1866), gives an account of the Montana State Library Association's traveling conference in May 1952.

WORKSHOP ON WHEELS, by Wilfred L. Morin (p. 1851), describes the Workshop Tour of New York State's Larger Units of Library Service, following the 1952 A.L.A. Conference.

Wilson Library Bulletin, November 1952

CHRISTMAS MATERIALS IN GENERAL CHILDREN'S BOOKS, by Hilda K. Limper (p. 248), is a useful index for hard-to-find holiday material. The index is subdivided under these headings: "Christmas in America," "Christmas in other lands," "Christmas in legends and stories of fantasy," "Special Christmas customs around the world." There is also a glossary of Christmas terms.

MONTANA BOOKS

TUNE ON AN ASPEN LEAF, by Gladys Bibee Price (Vantage, $2.50), with its setting in the Flathead Lake area, records one family's back-to-the-land movement.

Margaret Scherf's latest mystery, ELK AND THE EVIDENCE, was published by Doubleday ($2.50).

Dan Cushman has written a new western story—RIPPER FROM RAWHIDE—published by Macmillan ($2.50).

GOLDEN TREASURE, by Mable Ovitt of Dillon, is a book about Bannack and the early history of Montana. It was printed and bound by the Caxton Printers and sells for $4.50 ($4.00 to schools and libraries). Orders should be placed with the author whose address is: Bannack Star Route, Dillon.

GOLDEN YEARS, a novel by Lee Trex Hill (Vantage, $3.00), has its setting in Fort Benton.

DAVID THOMPSON'S JOURNALS RELATING TO MONTANA AND ADJACENT REGIONS, 1808-1812, edited by M. Catherine White, has been released for sale by Montana State University at $7.50. Send orders to Andrew C. Cogswell, Director, Public Service Division, Montana State University, Missoula.

STRANGE EMPIRE, is Joseph Kinsey Howard's last and major work. Mr. Howard had completed his book before his death in August 1951, except for some minor editing which was

later done by Bernard De Voto, who also wrote a foreword to the book. Mrs. Norman Fox prepared the bibliography, and the Montana Institute of the Arts financed work on the index by soliciting its membership for contributions. The book, published by William Morrow and Company ($6.00), describes the heroic struggle of a primitive people, the Metis, to establish their own empire in the heart of the North American continent.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Montana Institute of the Arts has announced establishment of a Joseph Kinsey Howard Memorial Scholarship. The award will go to a Montana Indian student, who has shown exceptional ability in the arts, and is designed to aid him in furthering his education in the field of his choice. Those wishing to contribute to the memorial fund may send their checks to Ben Stein, Shield's Route, Livingston.

MONTANA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Montana Federation of Women's Clubs adopted two resolutions concerning libraries at its biennial convention in Bozeman in June. The first states the position of the Montana State Library Association as placed on record at its meeting in May and urges all clubs to give strong support to the budget which the State Library Extension Commission will request for the next biennium.

The second resolution calls attention to the fact that not all Montana counties are financially able to provide an adequate library system within their borders, and that we have a law permitting two or more counties to join together to organize regional libraries. The clubs are urged to make a careful study of possible regional library development within the State.

These resolutions were sponsored by Mrs. J. E. Moore, Bozeman, chairman of the Libraries Division for 1950-52, and Inez Ratekin, librarian, Lincoln County Free Library, Libby.

Miss Inez Ratekin, Libby, was elected president of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs for a two-year term. On October 11th, Miss Ratekin made an official visit to the Missoula Woman's Club and gave a talk entitled, "It Does Make a Difference." On the following day she spoke before the Missoula County Federation of Women's Clubs on the subject, "What Do You Think?"

Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, librarian of Glacier County Library, Cut Bank, has accepted the chairmanship of the Libraries Division of the Department of Education of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs.

LEGISLATION

The Montana State Library Association at its annual meeting in May voted to support an increased budget to strengthen the State Library Extension Commission, specifically endorsing the addition of field workers to the staff. The State Legislature will assemble in January and librarians are urged to contact their senators and representatives before they go to Helena. Some legislators are not familiar with the work of the S.L.E.C. and need to be informed regarding its functions.

At its meeting in May, the State Library Extension Commission decided to ask for the addition of only one field worker to the staff at this time. This field worker should have special training in Library Science and Rural Sociology, with additional qualifications as a speaker and publicity director. Her duties would include visiting libraries within the state, giving assistance in technical processes, book selection, reader's advisory service and reference. Such services are needed in school libraries and in public libraries where the personnel is untrained.

The Travel fund would need to be increased, since the field worker would be spending more time in travel than the secretary has been able to do. Each year the demand for library service through the Commission office increases, and since the books are distributed by mail the postage fund must be made larger. Other items in the budget cover library books and supplies, office supplies, and equipment. The total budget request for the biennium is $40,624.50, an increase of about $10,000 over the present appropriation.

In addition to personal contact with legislators, librarians are urged to solicit the support of local groups, such as A.A.U.W., M.E.A., Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, service clubs and other interested organizations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Grace Thomas Stevenson has accepted the post of Associate Executive Secretary of A.L.A. Mrs. Stevenson, formerly on the staff of the Seattle Public Library, was director of the American Heritage Project during its initial year.

The new American Heritage Project director is Jack B. Spear, who is on leave from the Library Extension Division, New York State Library.

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Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

The Hill County Rural Library has added two new ceiling projectors for use of bedridden patients. One was the gift of the Friends of the Library, the other of the Havre Kiwanis Club, which also gave $100.00 for purchase of film strips. The Friends of the Library group is buying a slide projector to be loaned to clubs and schools.

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The Great Falls Public Library is sponsoring a series of thirteen book talks by Gilbert Highet, well-known author, teacher and critic. These recorded book talks are broadcast over radio station KFBB every Saturday afternoon at 3:45, from February 28 through March 23.

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The second Rural Reading Project book list is being distributed through the public libraries and County Agents' offices. Judging by requests coming to the S.L.E.C. office, interest in the reading lists is increasing steadily. We hope that the libraries also are finding this true.

Librarians are reminded that the S.L.E.C. office needs to know the holdings of local libraries. Check one list and return it, please.

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The citizens of Whitefish are very much aware of their library these days. It all began when an anonymous donor offered the sum of $2,500 to the people of Whitefish to be used for construction of a library building. Only two requirements were specified in an agreement presented to the City Council through the City Attorney: the money must be accepted or rejected before the end of 1952; if accepted the money must be put into a special library building fund, to be used for no other purpose. At a special meeting on December 29, the City Council formally accepted the gift. Since that time the librarian, Mrs. Mable Engelter, has been kept busy supplying needed information about library buildings, equipment, and fund raising .

A Whitefish Library Association was organized at a meeting on January 8th, which was attended by representatives of more than 100 clubs, lodges and unions, with the purpose of "promoting the construction and maintenance of a public library and fostering the growth of library services." Many organizations are planning benefits to raise more money, and donations of labor and materials have been offered.

The WHITEFISH PILOT has given the library project front-page publicity, and two excellent editorials entitled "Christmas Gift for Our Town" and "Who Can We Blame" appeared in December before the council had acted.

The Whitefish Public Library was created in 1925 by the Whitefish Women's Club. In 1946 it was moved from the small frame building it had occupied into the City Hall basement where it now is.

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Mrs. Sarah Kittleson reports from Sidney that the City Council has passed a resolution calling for a vote on a bond issue for construction of a city hall with quarters for the Sidney Public Library. The city engineer and the architects have drawn tentative plans for the building. The bond issue will be voted on at the City election in April.

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In Lincoln the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has voted to establish and sponsor a library for the community. They are soliciting donations of books and will be supplied with loan collections from the State Library Extension Commission. Space for the library has been offered by the Dwight Smiths in their restaurant.

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Stimulated by the M.S.L.A. dinner meeting held in Miles City last May, the Powder River County Home Demonstration Council decided to sponsor a public library in Broadus. The library, which is housed in the home of Mrs. Henry Thornton, had its formal opening on January 11th. The club women plan eventually to move the library into the Fire Hall, which at present is being rented to a seismograph crew. When the building is vacated the Woman's Club and B.P.W. Club will redecorate it for use as a library and community center.

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Kathleen Campbell represented Montana at the A.L.A. Mid-winter meeting in Chicago.

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The State Historical Society was given the distinguished service award of the American Association for State and Local History "for outstanding accomplishments during 1952."

A. P. Collins, librarian at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, received a merit award from the National Institutes of Health, in recognition of his initiative in saving the government a considerable sum of money through his efforts in obtaining scientific journals for the library.

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ABOUT BOOKS

WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS will be released on February 25th. This volume was inspired by the Rural Reading Conference held in Washington, September 1951, under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Services with the cooperation of the national farm, education, religious and labor organizations, the American Book Publishers Council and the A.L.A.

The WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS has been edited by Alfred Stefferud, editor of the Department of Agriculture Yearbook. There are 72 articles, written by leading authors, legislators, librarians, clergymen, educators, farm leaders, publishers and book sellers. There will be two editions, a 35 cent paperbound Mentor Book, published by the New American Library of World Literature, Inc., New York, and a $2.00 cloth-bound edition published by Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. Be sure to secure copies for your library.

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MONTANA IN THE MAKING, by Newton Carl Abbott, 10th edition, is available from the Gazette Printing Company, Billings, at $2.75.

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YOUTH DISCUSSION: PATTERNS AND TECHNIQUES is the newest booklet in a series published by the Junior Town Meeting League, 400 S. Front Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. Single copies may be obtained free of charge.

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LIBRARIANS AS AUTHORS

INITIATING THE FRESHMEN, by Lesley M. Heathcote, was published in the Nov. 15, 1952 issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL, p. 1959.

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AUDIO-VISUAL DEVELOPMENTS, by Mortimer Schwartz, appeared in JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION vol. 5, no. 1.

WORKSHOPS

The Minnesota Association of Hospital and Medical Librarians is arranging a two-day workshop for hospital librarians under the sponsorship of the American Hospital Association and the Center for Continuation Study of the University of Minnesota. This institute will be held at the Continuation Center in Minneapolis during the week of May 10-16, 1953.

The Montana State Library Association is planning to hold a Book Mending Workshop on May 5 during its 1953 conference in Missoula. Doris Wilson will direct the workshop. School and public librarians are urged to attend.

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A.L.A. FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

On January 6, 1953, Congressman Carl Elliott (Ala.) introduced the Library Services Bill, H.R. 255. On the following day, Senator Lister Hill (Ala.) introduced a similar bill, S. 94. Senator James E. Murray is a member of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, and Congressman Lee Metcalf is on the House Committee on Education and Labor, which will consider the bills. Librarians are requested to write these men urging their support.

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR, JULY 1, 1951-JUNE 30, 1952 FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate incomplete information.

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (mills)	Total Income	Per. Cap. approp.	Total Volumes	Circ.	Librarian
ANACONDA								
Hearst Free	1895	16,553	2. city .5 county	12,760.63	.77	19,553	27,004	Florence E. Catlin
BAKER								
Public	1943	1,772		593.84	.32	7,286	4,584	Mrs. J. A. Berge
BELFRY								
Public		752	0	540.00	.72	3,902	3,303	Mrs. Roy Hall
BIG TIMBER								
Carnegie		1,679	3.	3,413.67	2.03	9,003	12,020	Mrs. Sarah Fallang
BILLINGS								
Parmly Billings Memorial	1901	31,724	2.5	56,800.62	1.60	53,942	205,157	Ann L. Whitmack
BOZEMAN								
Public	1885	11,325	3.	14,610.00	1.29	19,564	41,902	Margaret Hileman
BUTTE								
Free Public	1890	48,422	.25 county 1.25 city	37,561.15	.78	96,514	152,012	Mrs. Lula M. Eschle
CHESTER								
Liberty County	1947	2,180	.2	1,474.39	.68	2,904	4,597	Mrs. Lilly F. Eveland
CHOTEAU								
Public	1916	1,618		542.50	.34	7,594	1,125	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (mills)	Total Income	Per. Cap. approp.	Total Volumes	Circ.	Librarian
CIRCLE								
George McCone Mem. County	1929	3,258	1.	4,062.00	1.25	7,288	8,788	Mrs. Mabel T. Fillenworth
COLUMBUS								
Stillwater County	1928	5,416	1.	6,000.00	1.11	14,350	39,778	Helen Prichard
CONRAD								
City	.....	1,865	1.	1,822.00	.99	4,571	8,823	Mrs. J. E. Ritchey
CUT BANK								
Glacier County	1944	9,645	2.	26,106.00	2.71	20,419	99,937	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
DILLON								
Public	1896	3,268	3.	3,595.64	1.10	17,264	14,207	Mary L. Innes
FAIRFIELD								
Public	.....	693	0	.....	....	2,563	1,303	Margaret M. Hedblom
FAIRVIEW								
Hi. Sch. & Public	.....	942	0	2,105.00	2.26	2,424	4,727	Mrs. C. S. Johnson
FORSYTH								
Rosebud County	1920	6,570	.5	3,810.00	.58	10,383	8,966	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON								
Chouteau Co. Free	1915	6,974	1.	12,177.48	1.71	21,678	19,711	Mildred England
GLASGOW								
Carnegie City-Co.	1906	11,353	2.5	8,980.00	.79	21,342	30,636	Mrs. R. L. Ewing
GLENDIVE								
Public	1915	5,254	2.3	5,850.00	1.11	9,017	18,953	Mrs. Leon Coombs
GREAT FALLS								
Public	1892	39,214	3.5	78,890.50	2.01	62,763	222,806	Margaret Fulmer
County	1943	13,813	.65	13,822.22	1.01	19,874	66,778	Mrs. Amy A. Patterson

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HARDIN								
Big Horn County..	1918	9,824	1.	7,715.74	.79	18,902	59,721	Lois H. Taylor
HARLOWTON								
Public	1921	1,733		1,020.00	.59	6,489	8,254	Georgia R. James
HAVRE								
Public	1904	8,086	1.7	8,062.16	1.00	14,459	19,747	Marjorie Beal
Hill Co. Rural	1948	6,199	.5	4,850.00	.78	6,600	25,172	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores
HELENA								
Public	1886	17,581	1.5	14,500.00	.81	72,260	60,064	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
HOBSON								
Community	.....	205	2.5	175.00	.85	1,525	1,750	Mrs. Betty Boyd
JORDAN								
Garfield Co. Free	1948	2,172	.5	1,445.20	.67	1,548	3,859	Mrs. Doris M. Mart
KALISPELL								
Carnegie City	1903	9,737	3.	13,482.00	1.36	20,414	57,420	Jeane Lewis
Flathead Co. Free	1943	18,490	1.	10,923.00	.59	17,009	84,112	Mrs. Cornelia W. Sherman
LAUREL								
Public	1917	3,663	2.5	1,560.00	.43	7,830	18,697	Frances Fenton
LEWISTOWN								
Carnegie Public ..	1901	6,573	2.73	8,820.00	1.31	13,250	49,305	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman
LIBBY								
Lincoln Co. Free	1920	8,693	1.84	13,716.09	1.58	17,289	74,118	Inez Ratekin
LIVINGSTON								
Public	.....	7,683	2.4	8,190.48	1.07	16,391	76,041	Mrs. Helen Ross

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (mills)	Total Income	Per. Cap. approp.	Total Volumes	Circ.	Librarian
MALTA								
Phillips Co. Free..	1918	6,334		2,950.00	.47	9,752	12,818	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY								
Carnegie Public ..	1902	9,243	2.5	10,850.00	1.17	16,360	29,213	Mrs. Clare M. Smith
MISSOULA								
Public	1894	35,493	2.25 city	35,172.81	.99	70,289	124,483	Evelyn L. Swant
County	1916	.....	1. county					
PHILIPSBURG								
Free Public	1912	1,048	0	220.00	.21	2,850	100	Mrs. Frances Harrington
PLAINS								
Public	1920	714	.2	653.00	.91	3,969	5,725	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD								
Sheridan Co. Free	1919	6,674	.7	5,026.63	.75	7,969	13,740	Mrs. Ruth L. Lund
POLSON								
City	.....	2,280	2.75	1,440.00	.63	7,712	20,602	Mrs. Mabel Miller
POPLAR								
City	1918	1,169	1.	1,123.00	.96	3,738	3,109	Mrs. Kate L. Hanson
ROUNDUP								
Public	1931	5,408	1.5	1,535.00	.28	5,339	10,920	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY								
Daniels Co. Free..	1947	3,946	.4	1,414.75	.36	3,220	5,388	Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY								
Toole Co. Free	1947	6,867	1.	7,105.00	1.03	13,498	36,069	Mrs. W. L. Ganson M. BLACK
SIDNEY								
Public	1914	3,987	1.	4,232.84	1.06	7,579	19,645	Mrs. Sarah Kittleson

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (mills)	Total Income	per. Cap. approp.	Total Volumes	Circ.	Librarian
STANFORD								
Judith Basin County Free	1946	3,200	.67	4,650.00	1.45	7,848	12,530	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman
STEVENSVILLE								
Public		772	3.	1,050.00	1.36	2,718	2,054	Mrs. Ina P. Coolidge
SUPERIOR								
Mineral Co. Public	1936	2,081	.54	2,023.26	.97	5,163	9,229	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY								
Public	1944	2,377	.5	1,800.00	.76	4,692	10,041	Mrs. W. L. Ganson
THOMPSON FALLS								
Public	1923	815	3.	373.95	.46	5,087	.....	Mrs. Lester Kemmerer
TOWNSEND								
Broadwater Co.	1935	2,922	.45	1,369.90	.47	4,673	17,000	Mrs. Florence Muzzy
VIRGINIA CITY								
Thompson-Hickman Free County	1918	5,998		1,625.84	.27	6,823	5,689	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS								
Meagher County Public	1938	1,025	1.15	1,018.36	.31	6,401	6,547	Mrs. L. E. Dunkel
WHITEFISH								
Public	1925	3,268		2,593.68	.80	7,902	18,294	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WISDOM								
Public	1934	819	0	200.00	.24	2,000	683	Mrs. George Cottrell
WOLF POINT								
Roosevelt Co.	1950	9,580	.95	7,212.86	.75	8,500	18,376	Berenice A. Hanson

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

ERRATUM

The State Library Extension Commission regrets sincerely the error which occurred in the January issue of **Montana Libraries.** Mrs. W. M. BLACK is librarian of the Toole County Library at Shelby, not Mrs. W. L. Ganson, as stated on page 9. Please make the correction in the entry under "Shelby." Our apologies to Mrs. Black for letting this typing error escape the proofreader's blue pencil.

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AROUND THE STATE

Miss H. Marjorie Beal has resigned as librarian of the Havre Public Library and has returned to North Carolina to make her home. The many friends she made during her brief stay in Montana regret her departure. The community of Havre and the entire state have felt the influence of her personality and concept of library service. Our good wishes go with her.

Mrs. Mary Antunes has accepted the post vacated by Miss Beal in the Havre Public Library. Mrs. Antunes has spent most of her life in Havre. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction. During the past three years she has served as librarian of Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre.

Glacier County Library, Cut Bank, has inaugurated a weekly radio Story Time for children. Using local talent, they present dramatizations of folk and fairy tales.

News of a gift comes from Glacier County Library—a house and lot—which has touched off a campaign for a new library building. At present the library is housed in the basement of the City Hall.

Pauline Rich, librarian of Eastern Montana College of Education, will be on leave during the summer months. She plans to attend a workshop in elementary school libraries at the New York State Teachers College, Geneseo, for six weeks, then spend the remaining time in travel.

Sidney voters defeated a proposal to build a $150,000 City Hall-Library-Fire Hall in the bond election on April 6th. We hope that friends of the project will not accept defeat but will try again next year. The library's overcrowded condition is mute testimony of the need.

The **Montana Farmer-Stockman** is featuring a library column about once a month, edited by Ellen Torgrimson. The articles, the first of which appeared in the March 1st issue, are based on promotion of the Rural Reading project, sponsored by

the State Library Extension Commission, with the cooperation of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Overlooked when the January issue went to press was the 50th anniversary celebration of the Carnegie Public Library in Miles City during the week of November 16, 1952. The celebration was combined with Book Week activities and included a full week of special events open to the public and to special groups. On Monday evening library patrons were given an opportunity to see a demonstration of the Reader's Digest Talking Records, presented to the library by the Junior Woman's Club. On Tuesday Freshman and Sophomore Classes visited the library, and a puppet play, **The Sentimental Scarecrow,** was presented by a group of children under the direction of Mrs. Harry Schlosser, children's librarian. On Wednesday evening colored slides on "Scenic Eastern Montana" were shown, with Dr. Martin L. Freese as commentator. On Thursday morning Lou Grill, senior member of the library board, spoke on "Education Through Books" to the Junior and Senior Classes during their tour of the library. Final event of the week's activities was the presentation of another puppet play, "The Brave Little Tailor."

The **Miles City Daily Star** published a full-page feature article on the library in its November 16th issue. The first librarian, Mrs. Laura Zook, served for forty years, from 1903 to 1943. She was succeeded by Mrs. W. H. Whittier, formerly children's librarian, who moved to Billings in 1948 and relinquished the position to Mrs. G. M. Ball. After a year, Mrs. Kenneth D. Smith, the present library head, took over. On the present staff are Mrs. Harry Schlosser, children's librarian since 1947, and Mrs. Jack McKenzie, who trained as a student librarian under Mrs. Zook and has served under Mrs. Whittier and Mrs. Smith.

Our belated congratulations to the Carnegie Public Library in Miles City.

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LEGISLATION REPORT

The State Legislature approved a budget of $31,352 for operation of the State Library Extension Commission during the 1953-1955 biennium. This represents an increase of $1,588 over the present budget, but it will not be enough to permit the addition of a Field Assistant to the staff. An increase of only $300 was granted for Office Operation, and it may become necessary to change the policy of paying postage on outgoing shipments of books. The economy-minded 1953 Legislature was opposed to raising or imposing new taxes while federal taxes remain high.

M.S.L.A. ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 4-5

The Montana State Library Association will hold its fortieth annual meeting in Missoula on May 4-5. Activities will begin with registration and a buffet supper at the Missoula Public Library on Sunday evening. The registration desk will be open from 6:00 to 9:00;; the supper will be served at 7:00 P.M.

Registration will be resumed at 8:30 A.M. on Monday in the South Pine Room, Florence Hotel. The morning session will be held here, and will be devoted to a discussion of Montana's Rural Reading program, with Bessie McClelland, State Home Demonstration Leader, directing the discussion.

At the noon luncheon in the Mayfair Room the speaker will be Willard Ireland, President-Elect of the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

The afternoon session will resume in the South Pine Room at 2:00 P.M. Association business will claim the attention of the membership at this session.

The Banquet is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. at "The Pines," a delightful place for dining, located about six miles from Missoula on the Bitterroot Road. Transportation will be arranged. The speaker of the evening will be George F. Weisel, a member of the faculty of Montana State University. Mr. Weisel has written a book on the Major John Owen Journals, which will soon be published by the Montana State University Press, and his research work will be the subject of his address.

The Mending Workshop on Tuesday morning will begin at 8:30, with Doris E. Wilson as director and ten librarians participating in the demonstration. The Workshop will be held in the Public Library.

No luncheon meeting is planned for Tuesday. The afternoon session will convene at 2:00 P.M. in the Bitterroot Room, Student Union Building on the University campus. Final convention business will be transacted and new officers installed. At three o'oclock there will be a tour of the new buildings on the campus, followed by a Tea at the Faculty Club as guests of the Montana State University Library Staff.

Retiring M.S.L.A. officers are: President, Mrs. Perl Coombs, Glendive; Vice President and President-Elect, Lesley M. Heathcote, Bozeman; Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores, Havre; Treasurer, Inez M. Haskins, Butte.

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ESSAY WINNER

Anne Kalberg of Great Falls won second place in the state essay contest sponsored by the Montana Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Anne, a senior in the Great Falls High School, has been a Page in the Great Falls Public Library for two years. The library staff is naturally pleased that she chose to write about librarianship as a career, under the title: "Selling as a Career." The staff did not know that she had written the essay until the **Great Falls Tribune** carried news of her winning.

The essays placing in the Montana competition will be entered in the national D.E.C.A. competition for the grand prize of $1,000 and a trip to Atlantic City.

SELLING AS A CAREER

Selling is an essential part of everyday living, whether it be selling of goods, of an idea, or of a service. Selling is not something new that originated with the coming of the twentieth century and the automobile. In Biblical days Rome flourished as a trade center. In Medieval days the Venetian trader sailed the seven seas in search of new goods. Columbus discovered America while looking for new areas of trade. During the colonization of America, Pilgrims and Indians bartered their goods.

At the present time what is the common interpretation of the term selling? Many people associate the clerk in a store, the farmer, the salesman, or the manufacturer with selling. To them selling implies the exchange of money for goods. However, one must recognize that selling goes beyond this; it includes the manufacturing process and the wholesale and retail distribution of the completed product. It's taking the raw product through every step of manufacture until the finished product is produced.

Another very important type of selling that is often overlooked is the selling of services. People we meet every day, such as the laundry man, the beauty operator, the taxi driver, the doctor, the dentist, the lawyer, the librarian, all these have services to sell.

Because I work in a library I think that the librarian renders an invaluable service to the public. She is constantly being called on to help a patron find the information he needs. She will try to sell you her love of books.

Almost everyone needs the assistance or service of a librarian at some time. There is the young girl who desires a book of romance or adventure to help her pass a dreary day; there is the stooped farmer who is looking for a book on soil conservation; there is the student who needs references for his history paper; there is the young bride who wants a cook book of tempting recipes; there is a conscientious clergyman who is searching for an illustration for his sermon; and, of course, there

is the small child looking wide-eyed at pictures of Queens and castles. People like these and many, many others all need help and services of the library and its staff.

Very few people know that the selling of library service involves extensive work and considerable time. There is selection, classification, typing, stamping, filing, pasting, lettering, and shellacing, all of which are major steps in getting a book ready for circulation.

The selling of library service is of immeasurable value to our nation. Through books people have been sold on the idea of democracy and patriotism. Many well-written books can change one's whole attitude on a subject and start him working for higher goals. One of the most important ways to develop culture is through reading and learning. Because reading has stimulated their imagination and thinking the great leaders of our nation in the political, educational, cultural, and scientific fields have made noteworthy contributions to our way of living.

The library provides inexpensive recreation facilities. For the music lover there are records for any taste; for the puzzle fan there are many puzzles in various designs; there are magazines on almost any topic imaginable; there are newspapers from various sections of the country; and, of course, a book for any taste or time.

No matter what the type of selling is, the main purpose is to help people. There is a growing need for more and better salesmen in all selling fields. Won't you accept this challenge today and decide to enter some field of selling as your life work?

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ABOUT BOOKS

The Newbery Medal, for the most distinguished story for children published in 1952, was presented to Ann Nolan Clark for **Secret of the Andes.** Runners-up were: White's **Charlotte's Web;** McGraw's **Moccasin Trail;** Weil's **Red Sails to Capri;** Dalgleish's **Bears on Hemlock Mountain;** and Foster's **Birthdays of Freedom.**

The Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished picture book of 1952, was presented to Lynd Ward for **The Biggest Bear,** which he both wrote and illustrated. Runners-up were: Brown's **Puss in Boots;** McCloskey's **One Morning in Maine;** Eichenberg's **Ape in a Cape;** Graham's **The Storm Book;** and Kepes' **Five Little Monkeys.**

The April Book-of-the-Month selection is Dan Cushman's **Stay Away, Joe.** It is the story of a Canadian-American Indian

family in Montana. Cushman moved with his family to Box Elder from Michigan when a child and lived for many years in Big Sandy. He worked on cattle ranches and in the mines, then went into newspaper work in Great Falls. In recent years he has devoted all his time to writing.

Also released in April was the Viking Press publication, **Tall Timber Pilots,** by Dale White and Larry Florek. It is the story of the Johnson Flying Service at Missoula. Dale White is the pen name of Marian Templeton Place, a well-known free-lance writer of Butte. Larry Florek, flyer and writer, hails from Missoula where he has put in uncounted hours flying for Bob Johnson.

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A.L.A. WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

The Library Services Bill Underway In the 83d Congress. On March 16, ten members of the House of Representatives introduced identical Library Services Bills. This brings the total number of sponsors of the measure to twelve in the House. These members are listed below with the numbers of their bills following:

Republicans

Congressman Harold C. Hagen, Minnesota....H.R. 3980
Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins, Ohio .....H.R. 3983
Congressman Charles J. Kersten, Wis. .....H.R. 3985
Congressman Chester E. Merrow, N. H.....H.R. 3990
Congressman Thor C. Tollefson, Wash.....H.R. 4000
Congressman Ruth Thompson, Mich. .....H.R. 4045

Democrats

Congressman Charles R. Howell, N. J. .....H.R. 3982
Congressman Carl D. Perkins, Ky. .....H.R. 3991
Congressman Cleveland Bailey, W. Va. .....H.R. 4027
Congressman Tom Steed, Okla. .....H.R. 4042
Congressman Carl Elliott, Ala. .....H.R. 255
Congressman Wright Patman, Texas .....H.R. 3379

On March 18, Senator George D. Aiken (R., Vt.) introduced the Library Services Bill, S. 1368, in the Senate. Co-sponsoring with Senator Aiken are:

Republicans

Senator Frank Carlson, Kansas
Senator Irving Ives, New York
Senator John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky
Senator William Langer, North Dakota

Democrats

Senator Lister Hill, Alabama
Senator Paul H. Douglas, Illinois
Senator Henry D. Jackson, Washington
Senator Mike Mansfield, Montana

In the House the bills have been referred to the Education and Labor Committee, of which Montana's Representative Lee Metcalf is a member, while in the Senate the bill has been referred to the Labor and Public Welfar Committee, of which Montana's Senator James E. Murray is a member.

Letters should now be sent to Senator Murray and to Congressman Metcalf requesting that the bills be considered at an early date. As a sponsor of the Senate bill, Senator Mansfield should receive a large amount of mail thanking him for his sponsorship. Ask him to work for early consideration of the bill.

Do not forget to publicize the introduction of the Library Services Bill in every paper, to every club and organization, to every librarian, trustee, friend of the library and citizen. Only through nation-wide interest, **expressed** by mail and in person to every member of Congress, can we hope to secure passage of this measure.

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Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953

On March 12, President Eisenhower sent to the Congress his Reorganization Plan establishing a Department of Health, Education and Welfare and transferring to it the various units of the Federal Security Agency, which includes the Division of Library Services. This new department will be one of the executive departments, and the Secretary, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, will have cabinet status.

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P. N. L. A. CONFERENCE

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO

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Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

The newly elected mayor of Butte, Mr. T. M. Sullivan, has appointed Mrs. Julia Leyden as librarian of the Butte Free Public Library. She succeeds **Mrs. Lula Eschle.**

Alice James, formerly on the staff of the Great Falls Public Library, is librarian at the Great Falls Clinic.

Mrs. Laura M. Carter has returned to Montana after an absence of more than ten years, and her friends are happy to welcome her back. She was formerly head of the Livingston Public Library and is now librarian of the Big Horn County Library, Hardin. **Lois Taylor** resigned in April in order to continue her education.

Barbara M. Myers is librarian at the Great Falls Air Force Base.

Recent appointments to the Great Falls Public Library staff include **Mrs. Nydia L. Moore,** circulation librarian, and **Mrs. Frances Dufraine,** reader's adviser. The latter was employed there a few years ago when her husband was stationed at the Air Base. Those who attended the M.S.L.A. meeting in Great Falls in 1950 will remember her excellent workshop in Public Relations for the Small Library.

Parmly Billings Memorial Library reports the resignation of two staff members—**Jean Todd** and **Mrs. Vera Salinas.** Jean's plans are indefinite, but Vera Marie is busy caring for a baby which she and her husband have adopted.

Betty Browne has resigned her position as teacher-librarian in the Fort Benton High School. She will go to Havre as head of the English Department in September.

Three librarians are leaving Montana State University this summer. **Lucille Childears** has accepted a position at Redlands University Library, Redlands, California; **Mortimer Schwartz** has gone to the University of Oklahoma, Norman, as librarian and professor of law; **Eileen Patterson** is spending the summer in Europe, and her plans for fall are indefinite.

M. Catherine White, assistant librarian at Montana State University, was honored as "The Woman of the Year" by the Montana chapter of Theta Sigma Phi at its Matrix Table dinner on April 19th in Missoula. This honor came to Miss White in recognition of the work she did in editing the DAVID THOMPSON JOURNALS RELATING TO MONTANA AND ADJACENT REGIONS, 1808-1812. This is the first volume to be published by the Montana State University Press.

Kathleen Campbell, Librarian and Professor at Montana State University, taught a course in University Library Administration in the School of Librarianship, University of Denver, during the first half of the summer school session. Miss Campbell was one of three alumni to receive the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service at the Commencement exercises of the University of Denver on June 13.

Mrs. Emlyn Benson, formerly librarian at the Havre Public Library, sends greetings to all her M.S.L.A. friends. Following the A.L.A. conference, Ellen Torgrimson spent a day with Mrs. Benson in her Long Beach home.

Virginia Walton has returned to Montana as assistant librarian in the State Historical Library, Helena. Virginia was librarian of the Stillwater County Library, Columbus, for several years, leaving in 1951 to become head of the Cass County Library, Harrisonville, Missouri. We are glad the call of the West became too strong to resist.

Mrs. Anne McDonnell has retired from the staff of the State Historical Library after a quarter century of service and is spending the summer months on a leisurely tour of Europe. The Summer issue of the MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY pays tribute to her and announces that the October issue "will be dedicated to Anne McDonnell, though no accolade can quite do justice to the service she has rendered this society and the State of Montana."

Governor Aronson has appointed **Mrs. R. L. Ewing,** Valley County Librarian, to the State Library Extension Commission, to succeed Mrs. John B. Fraser of Billings, whose term expired on May 22d.

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A.L.A. OFFICIAL TO VISIT MONTANA

Miss Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association, plans to attend the P.N.L.A. Conference in Sun Valley in September. Following the conference she will spend a few weeks traveling in the Pacific Northwest. As her schedule now stands, she will be in Montana from September 20th through the 22d. Because her time is limited, arrangements are being made for the M.S.L.A. Executive Board, Legislative Committee and Library Development Committee and the State Library Extension Commission to meet with Miss Kee in Great Falls. She will be traveling by air, and Great Falls will be a convenient stopover for her.

M.S.L.A.

The annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association was held in Missoula on May 3-5. There was a record attendance of 86, of whom 47 were visiting librarians. Five publishing companies were represented.

President Perl Coombs presided at the business sessions. Two very busy people during the convention were the secretary, Marjorie Moores, and the treasurer, Inez Haskins. Kathleen Campbell and Evelyn Swant were co-chairmen of the local committee.

At the first morning session there was an interesting discussion of the Rural Reading Program inaugurated in the fall of 1952. Miss Bessie McClelland, State Home Demonstration Leader, was the guest speaker. A tape recording of a book discussion by a Bozeman Junior High School group was played.

Willard Ireland, Librarian and Archivist, Provincial Archives Library, Victoria, B. C., was the guest speaker at Monday's luncheon. He is president-elect of the P.N.L.A. He spoke on the relationship between regional and state library associations and pointed out that library development must begin at the local level, with the regional association standing ready to advise and coordinate.

The speaker at the banquet was George F. Weisel, Assistant Professor at Montana State University, whose book, MEN AND TRADE ON THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER, based on the records of Major John Owen, will soon be published by the Montana State University Press. A zoologist by profession, Mr. Weisel is also deeply interested in Montana history. In his address he showed how the two interests can be correlated.

The Mending Workshop, under the direction of Doris Wilson, was hailed as a most helpful and practical demonstration. It attracted, in addition to the librarians attending the convention, a number of school librarians who came for that session only.

As the final festivity, the staff of the Montana State University Library entertained the visitors at a tea at the Faculy Center on the campus.

New officers for the coming year are: Lesley M. Heathcote, president; Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman, vice president and president-elect; Mrs. Helen M. Ewing, secretary; Inez M. Haskins, treasurer; Ann Whitmack, A.L.A. councilor; and Lucille Simpson, P.N.L.A. representative.

President Heathcote announces the following committee appointments:

Legislative Committee

Mrs. Mabel T. Miller, chairman
Mrs. Perl Coombs
Mrs. Clare Smith
Margaret Hileman
Kathleen Campbell, consultant

Library Development Committee

Mrs. Helen Ewing, chairman
Mrs. Marjorie Moores
Evelyn Swant
Mrs. Ruth Longworth
Ellen Torgrimson, consultant

Membership Committee

Inez Haskins, chairman
Mrs. Mildred Grawe
Mrs. Winifred Griffith
Lucille Simpson

Nominating Committee

Natalie Sliepcevich, chairman
Mrs. Amy Patterson
Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman

Publicity Committee

Mrs. Alma Jacobs, chairman
Inez Ratekin
Mrs. Mable Engelter

Historian

Margaret Hileman

Montana Authors Committee

M. Catherine White, chairman

Constitution and Manual of Procedures Committee

Mrs. Perl Coombs, chairman

Helena has been selected as the 1954 convention city.

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P.N.L.A.

The 1953 conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association will be held in Sun Valley, Idaho, September 9-11. This year-round resort, operated by the Union Pacific Railway, has facilities for a wide variety of sports and recreation. Rates are on the American plan, which includes even the banquet and barbecue. If four go together in the skiers' Chalet, sharing a room with comfortable bunk beds, the rate is $10.00 each a day. Accommodations in the Challenger Inn, all rooms with twin beds and private bath, are $18.00 (single) and $14.00 per person (double). There are fine motels in Ketchum, just one mile away.

This will be the first P.N.L.A. conference to be held in Idaho, and the committee, under the chairmanship of Marion Bingham, Boise, is working hard to make it the best ever. Miss Flora Ludington, president of the American Library Association, will be the banquet speaker.

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A.L.A.

The 1953 conference of the American Library Association was held in Los Angeles, June 22-26. Montana librarians in at-

tendance included Lucille Simpson, Great Falls; Marjorie Vivian, Bozeman; Florence Jensen, Glasgow; Lucile Speer and Ellen Torgrimson, Missoula. It was pleasant to see again a number of former Montanans who were at the conference: Elsie Lundborg, Forest Grove, Ore.; Aileen Propes, Arcadia, Calif.; Gloria Webster, Roseville, Calif.; Alice McClain, Pocatello, Idaho; Katherine Parkins, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Virginia Walton, Harrisonville, Mo.

Pre-conference meetings were an Audio-Visual Workshop, an Intellectual Freedom Conference and a Library Work with Children and Young People Institute. During the week of the conference a Personnel Clinic, under the leadership of Louis J. Kroeger and John Hall Jacobs, held daily meetings. Those interested in Bookmobile Service met daily to exchange ideas and discuss their problems. The Public Libraries Division explored the findings and implications of the Adult Education Survey. The American Heritage Project conducted a clinic in program planning, leadership training and administrative problems.

Outstanding features on the program for the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People were an address, "Beyond the Four Hills," by Doris Gates; the showing of the films, GERALD McBOING BOING and MADELINE, with a talk by their producer, Stephen Bosustow on "Making Films for Children and Young People"; and presentation of the Newbery Award to Ann Nolan Clark (SECRET OF THE ANDES) and the Caldecott Medal to Lynd Ward (BIGGEST BEAR).

The Trustees Section is always represented at A.L.A. conferences by a lively group. Many states, including Montana, are not usually represented, however, and the suggestion was made that State Library Associations might assume the expense of sending a trustee to the A.L.A. conference each year. We submit this idea to the M.S.L.A. executive committee for consideration.

The conference theme, "America Looks West," was emphasized at the second general session in William Bernard Ready's address, "Books of the West," and James Monaghan's, "The West in Fiction." Other speakers were Chet Huntley, "Challenge to Free Reporting" and Erle Stanley Gardner, "The Scope and Function of Escape Fiction."

A dramatic incident at the Council meeting on the last day of the conference was the reading of a letter from President Eisenhower, addressed to A.L.A. President, Robert B. Downs, in which he clarified his stand on censorship. Mr. Eisenhower said in part: "As it is an ancient truth that freedom cannot be legislated into existence, so it is no less obvious that freedom can-

not be censored into existence. And any who act as if freedom's defenses are to be found in suppression and suspicion and fear confess a doctrine that is alien to America.

"The libraries of America are and must ever remain the homes of free, inquiring minds. To them, our citizens—of all ages and races, of all creeds and political persuasions—must ever be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth, unwarped by fashion and uncompromised by expediency."

New officers of the American Library Association are: Flora B. Ludington, Mount Holyoke College, president; Quincy L. Mumford, Cleveland, vice president and president-elect; Laura K. Martin, University of Kentucky, second vice president.

The S.L.E.C. office has a copy of the 1953 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY REPORTS, which will be loaned to anyone interested in reading it.

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FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Early in the 83d Congress, President Eisenhower requested establishment of a Commission to study all Federal grants-in-aid in the fields of health, education and welfare. Legislation was introduced in both Houses of Congress. It is now known as Public Law 109, having passed the Congress. Under the mandate of the legislation, this Commission will determine:

1. Whether there is justification for Federal aid in the various fields in which it is extended.

2. Whether there are other fields in which Federal aid should be extended.

3. Whether Federal control with respect to these activities should be limited, and if so, to what extent.

4. Whether Federal aid should be limited to cases of need.

This Commission is one of the most important to be established in the last few years. It will make its report and recommendations on March 1, 1954. The future of the Library Services Bill will be determined by the results of this study because it is a bill to establish grants-in-aid for libraries. Libraries may be in an extremely fortunate position because recognition will be given to those areas in which there is need for some Federal assistance. Until the Commission's study has been completed, both the House Education and Labor Committee and the Senate Public Welfare Committee are holding up all legislation which deals with grants-in-aid to education.

Agaain before Congress is a bill to increase postal rates. We must fight to retain the special rate which now applies to shipments of library books. Write your congressmen. The bill number is H.R. 6052.

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PUBLISHING NEWS

MONTANA TREASURE MAGAZINE has combined with BIT AND SPUR and changed its name to OUT WEST MAGAZINE. It has a new address, too—Box 854, Helena. It is published monthly by the Treasure Publishing Company, Inc. The subscription rate is $3.00 a year.

The MONTANA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS QUARTERLY has graduated to an attractive, printed format. It is distributed to members of M.I.A. Why not join this organization whose purpose is to foster development of the arts and crafts in Montana? Send dues ($3.00 per year) to Mrs. Josephine K. Howard, Box 350, Great Falls.

With the Spring 1953 issue, the MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY assumed a new format. The editors state: "In order to keep pace with the new trend in historical journals, to meet rising costs, and to provide what we judge must be a constantly improved product, this change was imperative. It should rightfully have been done in January, but this was impossible. Rather than wait another year we plunged here and now." This magazine is now available on the newsstands, but a subscription saves you 25%. The subscription rate, including annual membership in the Society, is $3.00. Address: Historical Society of Montana, Helena.

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BIENNIAL REPORTS WANTED

Willard Ireland, Provincial Library, Victoria, B. C., needs the following issues of the Reports of the Montana State Historical Society: 1874, 1881, 1882.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Montana librarians are requested to send in their annual reports for the 1952-1953 fiscal year as soon as possible. Blanks are enclosed.

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